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Oklahoma Hall of Fame inducts Gov. Anoatubby



2004 Oklahoma Hall of Fame inductees are, from left, William Durrett, Leona Mitchell, Frederick Drummond, Christy Everest, R. James Woolsey, Molly Shi Boren, and Gov. Bill Anoatubby.

Photo courtesy of Steve Sisney

The Oklahoma Hall of Fame was established in 1927 by a group of prominent Oklahomans who wanted to preserve the state's history and foster pride in Oklahoma. Every year since its inception, the Oklahoma Heritage Association has inducted outstanding Oklahomans into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame.

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby became one of the newest Oklahoma Hall of Fame inductees during ceremonies November 18, 2004 at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City.

Gov. Anoatubby was presented by former Oklahoma Governor Frank Keating. Gov. Keating praised Gov. Anoatubby for his



Gov. Bill Anoatubby and family greeted well-wishers following the Oklahoma Hall of Fame ceremony. From left are Gov. and Mrs. Anoatubby, daughter-in-law Becky Anoatubby, and sons Chris and Brian Anoatubby.

humble beginnings, his hard work, and his dedication to the Chickasaw people.

Gov. Anoatubby, joined by his family and scores of Chickasaw citizens, told the gathering of 1,600 that the people of the Chickasaw Nation were proud to be leaders in the state and pleased to be a part of a growing and prosperous Oklahoma.

"We have accomplished so many good things together, and we look forward to joining hands and working as one to achieve great things for our state and our citizens," Gov. Anoatubby said.

"My father's family, and many Chickasaw families came here to Indian Territory in the 1830s, and this is the home that we love," he said. "I am proud to be an Oklahoman and honored to be chosen to lead the great Chickasaw Nation."

The Oklahoma Hall of Fame is the premiere honor bestowed by Oklahomans on preeminent Oklahoma leaders. Past inductees include author Ralph Ellison, entrepreneur T. Boone Pickens, football coaches Bud Wilkinson and Barry Switzer, country singer Reba McEntire, U.S. Senator Don Nickles, major league baseball stars Warren Spahn, Mickey Mantle and Johnny Bench, actor James Garner, former U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Admiral William J. Crowe, former Oklahoma Governors Henry Bellmon and David Boren, and former U.S. Speaker of the House Carl Albert.

Gov. Anoatubby was inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame along with seven other out-

standing Oklahomans. They are civic leader Molly Shi Boren, cattleman and conservationist Frederick Drummond, insurance executive William E. Durrett, philanthropist Christy Everest, opera star Leona Mitchell, former Central Intelligence Agency director R. James Woolsey, and acclaimed aviator the late Wiley Post.



Gov. Anoatubby speaks to the Oklahoma Hall of Fame gathering.

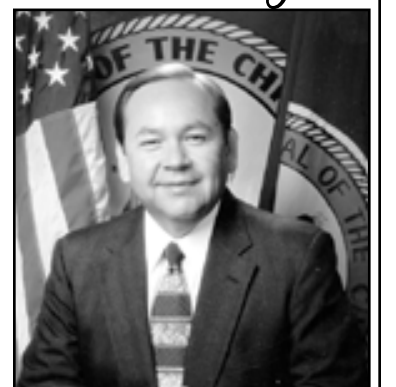
Season's Greetings!

Special Christmas greetings to all Chickasaw people and friends across the country and the world!

Christmas is a time of renewal, of hope and of compassion. We offer special prayers for our children, and wish for them all the blessings this season will bring.

We also remember our fellow Americans serving our country in the armed services. We pray for their safety and ask special blessings for their families.

Those of us who work on your behalf in your tribal government send you best wishes for the Christmas season. We sincerely hope you, your children and your family come together in peace, joy and happiness



Gov. Bill Anoatubby

during this very special season.

God bless you, your family and our beloved tribe.

Sincerely,

Bill Anoatubby

Bill Anoatubby
Governor

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CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE**REGULAR SESSION****David Stout Building****Ada, Oklahoma****August 20, 2004****AGENDA ITEM #1****CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chairperson Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2**ROLL CALL****Members present:**

Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Melvin Burris, Scott

Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

Staff present:

Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick,

Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel, David Mitchell, Legislative Legal Assistant

Guests present:

James A. Humes, Sarah Lea, Mike Watson, Wilma

Watson, Robert Cole, Anna Cole, Lonie Burris, Pat Woods, Traile Glory, Tony Choate, Ron Frazier, Palmer S. Mosely, Traci Farmer, Norma Prince, Summer Stick, Kay Perry, Tim Rhynes, Lavata M. Stephen, Mooniene Ogee

AGENDA ITEM #3**INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by Dr. Goforth Parker.

AGENDA ITEM #4**READING OF MINUTES - July 16, 2004**

Mrs. Alexander noted a typographical error on page one.

A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander to approve the July 16, 2004 minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Green.**Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes**The motion to approve the minutes of July 16, 2004, as amended, carried unanimously.****AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mrs. Hartman asked about the status of learning the cost of land for acquisition.

Chairperson Briggs stated a process was being worked on.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Steve Woods**

No report.

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Scott Colbert**General/Permanent Resolution Number 21-075, Appropriating Funds to Expand the Chuka Chukmasi Program**

This resolution authorizes the creation of revolving funds for both home construction and home improvement loans. Chuka Chukmasi currently provides funding for home loans and this expansion of the program will allow participants to have greater access to loan funds in order to construct a new home or improve an existing home. The

overall purpose is to better meet the housing needs of Chickasaw citizens.

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Colbert to approve GR21-075. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Green.**Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes**The motion to approve GR21-075 carried unanimously.****General Resolution Number 20-091, Approval of Consolidated Tribal Budget - Fiscal Year 2005**

This resolution approves the Tribal Budget in the amount of \$1,829,502 and the Consolidated Tribal Budget in the amount of \$3,581,759,339 for Fiscal Year 2005.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR21-091. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Dr. Goforth Parker expressed her appreciation to the chair of the committee for his efforts in the budget hearings and asking for input of the Legislators on the budget.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes**The motion to approve GR21-091 carried unanimously.**

Mr. Scott Colbert concluded his report.

(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Dean McManus**General Resolution Number 21-076, Authorization for Chickasaw Nation Health System to Apply for Indian Health Service Tribal Management Grant**

This resolution authorizes the Chickasaw Nation to apply for an IHS Tribal Management Grant. This project will consolidate the health system software from five independent servers onto one which will enrich patient information, promote continuity of care, increase provider and staff job satisfaction, improve statistical reporting capabilities, improve health registers and reduce system maintenance.

A motion was made by Mrs. McManus to approve GR21-076. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Green.**Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes**The motion to approve GR21-076 carried unanimously.***See Minutes, page 22*

Domestic Violence Awareness Month



Over 30 people attended the brown bag luncheon in observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October at Carl Albert Indian Hospital in Ada. Both Angela Connor, with the Family Advocacy Department, and Charlotte Johns, with Behavioral Health, were speakers at the event.

Bill Anoatubby
Governor



Jefferson Keel
Lt. Governor

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November 2004 Resolution results

General Resolution Number 22-004

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Murray County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Sulphur, Murray County, Oklahoma, described as the South 50 feet of the East 40 feet of Lot 4 and the East 40 feet of Lot 5 and all of Lots 6 and 7 in Block 157 of Sulphur Addition to Sulphur, Murray County, Oklahoma, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor of The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Chairperson Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

No votes: Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman, Wilson Seawright

General Resolution Number 22-005

Utility Right-of-Way in Garvin County (Electric Services to Pauls Valley Senior Site)

Explanation: This resolution approves a ten foot (10') Right-of-Way utility easement to Oklahoma Gas & Electric (OG&E) to construct and maintain an underground electric line across property owned by the Chickasaw Nation, described as a strip of land located in the SE/4 of Section 12, Township 3 North, Range 1 West, Garvin County, Oklahoma, the center line described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of SE/4, thence N00°13'35"W 792.09 feet, thence N89°04'37" W 224.5 feet to Point of Ending, containing 0.05 acres, more or less. Compensation for this Right-of-Way is waived for providing electric services to the Pauls Valley Senior Site.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby,

Governor of The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairperson Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 22-006

Application for Membership, National Congress of American Indians

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for membership in the National Congress of American Indians. This is the same application which is submitted to the Legislature for approval each year, and is drafted in accordance with the specifications and requirements of the NCAI. The NCAI has been instrumental in supporting issues of importance to Native Americans. As an independent group, NCAI is representative of the largest concentration of Native Americans, and is often called upon by Congress to provide information and testimony on important subjects. The Chickasaw Nation has been a member in good standing in the NCAI since the early 1980's. This resolution names the representatives of the Chickasaw Nation to NCAI.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor of The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Dean McManus, Chairperson Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 22-007

Resolution in Support of Interagency Cooperative Agreements for the Lighthorse Police Department to Promote Goals of Law Enforcement

Explanation: It is anticipated that these Interagency Cooperative Agreements will be negotiated and entered into with

potentially all tribal, federal, state and local law enforcement agencies within our thirteen county area and the BIA. This would include county, city and highway patrol along with the BIA. These cooperative agreements will enable the law enforcement officers of each entity to establish guidelines to work together cooperatively, establish procedures to cross deputize or cross commission the officers of each to the other, and also provide guidelines for purpose of mutual aid.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor of The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Tim Colbert, Chairman Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman,

Chickasaw census efforts historically conducted by federal government

There have been a number of census counts or rolls taken of the Chickasaw people since the early 1800s.

Most well known and probably the most significant was the enrollment process associated with the Dawes Commission and the allotment of lands to individual citizens.

Applications for enrollment and the actual enrollment process took place from 1896 to 1914 and that "Dawes Roll" is still the basis for establishing tribal enrollment.

Other years when a census of Chickasaw citizens was taken include 1818, 1837, 1856-1860, 1878, 1890, 1893, 1896, 1897 and 1908.

Most, if not all of these census counts were made in connection with treaties for the sale or distribution of lands or other dealings with the federal government.

Probably the first attempt to take a complete census of citizens of the Chickasaw Nation was made in late 1818 as a precursor to negotiating the 1818 treaty between the United States and the Chickasaw Nation.

This census was taken after Chickasaw leaders refused to negotiate with U.S. treaty commissioners until a previously promised annuity had been paid

Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 22-008

Authorization to Enter into Chickasaw Nation and State of Oklahoma Gaming Compact

Explanation: This resolution authorizes the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation to begin the process and enter a compact with the state government to allow the Chickasaw Nation to conduct certain gaming activities as are allowed under the new state constitutional amendment ratified by the state's voters in State Question 712.

Requested by: Governor Anoatubby

Presented by: Steve Woods, Chairman Legislative Committee

Yes votes: Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

No votes: Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman, Wilson Seawright

General Resolution Number 22-009

Assurances for the Indian Community Development Block Grant Program U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Southern Plains Office of Native American Programs

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for an Indian Community Development Block Grant for a community

See *Resolutions*, page 25

Yes votes: Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

No votes: Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman, Wilson Seawright

General Resolution Number 22-009

Assurances for the Indian Community Development Block Grant Program U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Southern Plains Office of Native American Programs

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for an Indian Community Development Block Grant for a community

See *Resolutions*, page 25

million acres in the southeastern United States.

Other treaties were negotiated between 1826 and 1834 that dealt with the cession of the remaining Chickasaw lands in the southeast prior to removal.

The Treaty of 1834 dealt, in large part, with the reservations of land for Chickasaw families and individuals in Indian Territory.

The 1837 muster roll was a list of those who planned to emigrate to Indian Territory in the fall of that year for the distribution of those lands, although many on the muster rolls did not actually arrive until later.

Rolls were also compiled in the years 1857 through 1860 for the distribution of annuities.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Preparations under way for Chickasaw Census

While there have been a number of census counts taken of Chickasaw citizens, most of those have been conducted by outside entities in relation to treaties or other dealings with the federal government.

Preparations are currently under way for an internal census of Chickasaw citizens.

This census is being conducted to compile as complete and accurate a list of Chickasaw citizens as is feasible.

In addition to the total number of citizens, an effort will be made to compile additional relevant information to ensure the most effective and efficient delivery of services possible.

Exciting new facilities highlight an active 2004



Linda Briggs
Chairman
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Greetings to Everyone!

The Season does seem to be here once more! Recently my twenty-year-old grandson made a remark about how fast the year had gone by. I thought those

kinds of remarks were sort of reserved for folks more in the age group of his grandmother (me!) until I started thinking about it and I realize how fast the time flies for most of us. It is a busy world, both in the large world out there and in our own lives.

We are involved in so many projects on the Legislature which of course are projects which blanket our entire Chickasaw Nation as we work together to bring them to reality. In recent weeks we opened the Senior Site at Pauls Valley and it was one of the most enthusiastic gatherings I've had the pleasure to attend. The large building was packed to overflowing and in talking with its Site Manager Paula Woods the word is that it is a phenomenal success - even more so than

we had anticipated as we waited patiently for its completion. (Or maybe not as patiently as we tried to be - but it was worth the wait! It is beautiful!!!)

Groundbreakings have been held for the Cultural Center at Sulphur (on breathtakingly beautiful land!) and for both a Wellness Center as well as a Food Distribution Center at Ardmore. Both the Wellness Center and the Food Center are located on the grounds of our old Carter Seminary which is a true landmark. The exact use of the Carter Seminary has not yet been determined but it is so dear to many for the part it played in their lives a great deal of consideration will be given to its future use. Certainly the "compound" being formed on its grounds is a

tribute to its history. The Senior Site where elders meet, eat and enjoy numerous other activities is also located on the same grounds.

A diligent effort has been made in looking for a good site to build the Nutrition/Activity Center in the Duncan area. We believe we have located land which will lend itself to that project and all of us are anxious to proceed. A great deal of work goes into finding the right locations for our senior sites as they need to be easily accessible but not in high traffic areas.

The growth pattern for our Nation continues in the fast lane and we appreciate the approach taken by our Administration to proceed carefully and thoughtfully for the best interest of

the Chickasaw people. In the Legislature we are nearing the completion of the study on ways to enhance elder care and we are seeking ways to provide more services to our citizens living outside the boundaries of our Nation.

We have a great group of people serving on the Legislature and while we do not always agree immediately on the path to take we do all agree on our goal: to enhance the lives of the Chickasaw people by our actions. And we ALL agree without reservation that we wish for all of you a great Holiday Season and a rewarding year ahead! God bless all of you.

Linda Briggs

Volunteers go the 'extra mile' at Carl Albert

I would like to you introduce you to a group of Chickasaws that may not be known by many. They give a gift that keeps on giving all year long. Please meet the senior citizen volunteers for the Chickasaw Nation Health System (Carl Albert Indian Health Facility). More than fifteen years ago, when the hospital was managed by Indian Health Service, Sebina Burris, Mike Brown and Melinda Ward recognized that there was a

need for a volunteer program to help meet the needs of patients. Though they were told that it would not work, they started the program. Sebina served as president and worked every day as a volunteer to help get the program started.

Now, the volunteer program is manned by more than twelve volunteers. In addition to Sebina, the volunteers that have been with the program the longest are Carmen Sharp and Al-

lice Phillips. They do the usual things that volunteers do such as delivering flowers, mail, and newspapers. Volunteer Jeannie Copeland was recently seen buying a pair of booties for a baby with no socks who was crying in the waiting area. The message to the mother of that baby was that they were important visitors to our hospital.

Sebina and volunteer Sue Parker have made over 1,000 pillows this past year. A new ad-

dition to the pillow making team is volunteer Katie Case. Together, these three ladies make the pillows for patients that have had surgeries. Many times, those pillows are for patients who have had amputations.

In addition, the volunteers operate a gift shop. Proceeds from sales are used to buy toys for children who have appointments with the dental hygienist. The volunteers also buy lotion and mirrors for patients seen in the foot clinic. They help to meet the special needs of our patients.

For every family that has a baby, the volunteers provide a pair of booties and flowers. No child goes home without this gift that lets them know they are important to the Chickasaw volunteers.

When asked why they volunteer, Sebina said "Because we want to help the patients." Our volunteers are all over 65 years of age, with the oldest being 90. The volunteers also include Sophie Perry, Velma Migs, Ken Lance, Bill Goforth, Bob Allen, and Margaret Downing.

The volunteers have a need. The new waiting area for surgery will need volunteers. Deanne Harrelle volunteers in the surgery clinic. Please consider volunteering for the Chickasaw Nation Health System.

Sebina says that they have



Dr. Judy Goforth Parker
Chickasaw Tribal Legislator

seen many doctors, nurses, and other staff come and go. Over the years, they have watched a generation of children grown up as they have visited the Chickasaw Health Nation.

If you are a volunteer, please accept this note of appreciate for the work you do. You are a part of the silent voice of the Chickasaw Nation and America who help to make the word a better place for those in need. Volunteers, thank you for the work that you do. Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year, and God bless you all.

Judy Goforth Parker, PhD, RN

Chickasaw Legislator
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Carl Albert volunteers are, seated from left, Louise Earls, Sebina Burris and Carmen Sharp. Standing from left, Bob Allen, Jeannie Copeland, Alice Phillips, Velma Migs, Sue Parker, Sophia Perry, Ken Lance and Bill Goforth.

Our tribe working hard to show a good example



Mary Jo Green
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Greetings and Happy Holidays from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Chairman of the Health Care Committee! Serving you is certainly one of the things that I am thankful for and I sincerely wish one and all the best of Christmas and the happiest of all New Years.

Bill Lance, Administrator of the Chickasaw Health System has provided the following information for this month's report. The total number of hospitalizations at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility for October was 229 and a 2 month total was 449. The number of outpatient visits at Carl Albert was 13,301 for October and 27,407 for the last 2 months. Emergency Room visits

were 1,031 in October and 20,28 in the last 2 months. The number of surgeries for October was 257 and 513 for the last 2 months. The Same-day Clinic saw 2,771 patients in October and 5,606 in the last 2 months.

The Family Practice Clinic in Ada saw 4,515 patients in October and 9,233 in the last 2 months. The Ardmore Clinic saw 2,861 for October and 5,940 in the last 2 months. The Tishomingo Clinic saw 2,772 patients in October and 5,382 in the last 2 months. The Durant Clinic saw 2,253 patients in October and 4,837 in the last 2 months. The total number of patients seen or admitted in the last 2 months for all clinics and the hospital, including all hospitalizations and surgeries, is 61,395. This month's totals include the numbers from our new Purcell Clinic.

This is the time of year when I reflect upon the accomplishments of our beloved Nation. For me, the realization that we have come a long way is very strong this year and I have many high hopes for the next 12 months and years to come. We as a nation have demonstrated that, working together, we seemingly have few boundaries to constrain our advancement. Our

tribal businesses continue to be successful and we Legislators continue to plan for additional services for Chickasaw citizens.

The Chickasaw Nation has truly become a leader in Oklahoma and an inspiration for all Native American tribes throughout the United States. The positive messages brought to us in television commercials by the likes of Chairperson Linda Briggs, Secretary of the Legislature Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, astronaut John Herrington and former Assistant Secretary of the Interior Neal McCaleb show that we are good neighbors who work not only for the betterment of our citizens, but also for the betterment of all Oklahomans. I also think that the induction of Governor Bill Anoatubby into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame is a milestone along our journey and I wish to congratulate him and thank him for the outstanding leadership he has given the Nation.

Please contact me through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and

every issue of the Chickasaw Times and on the web site. I look forward to speaking with you! For your information, my

articles are now located at www.chickasaw.net. Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year to all! Thank you.

Colbert hosts open house at Tish clinic every first Wednesday



D. Scott Colbert
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Legislator Scott Colbert will have an open office for Legislature business at the Tishomingo Clinic between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month. Please make appointments at (580) 622-3218. You may also call on the first Wednesday of every month at (580) 421-3425.

Feel free to contact Colbert if you have any questions.

Happy Holidays!



2004-2005 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

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Committee Reports

Education Committee

Nov. 8, 2004

Present: Wanda Blackwood Scott, Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Linda Briggs

Absent: Donna Hartman

Land Development

Nov. 8, 2004

Present: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Mary Jo Green, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Absent: Judy Goforth Parker, Scott Colbert

Human Resources Committee

Nov. 8, 2004

Present: Dean McManus, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Wilson Seawright, Linda Briggs

Absent: Donna Hartman

Legislative Committee

Nov. 8, 2004

Present: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Absent: Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman, Judy Goforth Parker

Finance Committee

Nov. 15, 2004

Present: Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Absent: Melvin Burris Judy Goforth Parker

Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

Nov. 15, 2004

Present: Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Linda Briggs

Judicial Department Open House set for Dec. 16



Cheri Bellefeuille-Eldred
Supreme Court Chief Justice

October has been a wonderful and beautiful month. November has almost passed and we will soon be into December. Fall is upon us and everyone is preparing for the Thanksgiving holiday. This is the time to embrace your family and friends. Please, take the time to reflect on your memories and to create new with your loved ones. As members of the Judicial Branch, we often reflect on our past years together and are always thankful we have had the opportunity to meet so many of our citizens while providing a necessary service. I am looking forward to another year with all of you and I am very excited about the future of the Chickasaw Judicial Branch. We appreciate our citizens and all Native Americans that have helped us achieve our goals and provide a successful court system to the Chickasaw Nation.

Peacemaking Court has become one of our primary focuses. Dustin Rowe, Court Advocate and Jason Burwell, Supreme Court Clerk, attended a conference in North Dakota with two peacemakers in November. The conference was titled, "Circle Training (Restorative Justice)" and it provided information and training on the Peacemaking process. Tribes from all across the nation attended this conference and shared their ideas and processes. The Peacemaking group continues to meet every two weeks for training. We are still on track to meet our January goal of introducing the Peacemakers into the court process.

The Supreme Court Justices and District Court Judge attended the National American Indian Judges Association Conference October 25, 2004 through October 28, 2004. We received vital information on a detention center facility; we are

currently reviewing the need for a detention center within the Chickasaw Nation. Because there has been an increase in juvenile matters with regard to children between the ages of 14 and 18, we would like to be able to provide the facility within the Chickasaw Nation to help these young adults get back on the right path in life.

The Judicial Branch participated in the Halloween Trick or Treat for the Chickasaw Nation Head Start. We had the best time seeing all of the precious little ghosts and goblins. We sure appreciate the C.N. Head Start teachers and all of the parents that came to help with the little ones. I know that it took a great deal of organization to get all of the children dressed, on the buses and off the buses so we could see them in their costumes. Thank you all for letting me be a part of your children's trick or treating.

The Chickasaw Nation Legislators invited the Judicial Department to meet with them on November 15, 2004. We met in Davis at one of the beautiful conference rooms available in the Microtel. We had a wonderful meal and shared a presentation of the Judicial Department with the Legislators. After the presentation we had a discussion on many of the Judicial department goals including the Peacemaking court. We had such a wonderful time and would like to thank Linda Briggs and all of the Legislators for inviting us to share the progress of the Judicial Department. We appreciate the continued support we receive from the Executive and Legislative Branches of the Chickasaw government.

The Supreme Court Justices had the opportunity to attend the Hall of Fame banquet in Oklahoma City. This banquet honored our Governor for his vision and leadership in the Chickasaw Nation and the State of Oklahoma. We are very proud of Governor Anoatubby who was inducted into the Hall of Fame. Congratulations Governor

The clerks in the judicial department will soon be receiving additional training through OSU. We plan to seek out and participate in any training that will continue to enhance their job performance in the Supreme

Court and the District Court. The Supreme Court Justices believe that it is our responsibility to provide the training necessary to create a strong infra-structure for our court systems and to provide an efficient and effective court for our citizens.

The Sulphur Headstart will come to the Supreme Court on December 15, 2004 for milk and cookies. The Sulphur Headstart is making the ornaments for our Supreme Court Christmas

tree. We are all excited about receiving our ornaments and can hardly wait to see our "little ones" from Sulphur.

The Judicial Department is planning an Open House on December 16, 2004 at the Supreme Court office and the District Court. We have been busy adding cultural furnishings to the courts in effort to bring more Chickasaw cultural and traditional meaning into the courts and we are very excited about

sharing our new cultural furnishings with all of you. We plan to have the artists in attendance at our Open House as well as cookies and hot chocolate. There will be a ceremony at 2:30 and everyone is cordially invited to attend. We are looking forward to seeing all of you. If you need directions please call: 580-235-0281 and someone will be happy to help you.

Chickasaw District Court news

The Chickasaw Nation District Court opened an additional 34 cases in October to bring the total number of new cases filed in the District Court to 330 since January 1, 2004.

Education program Jan. 4 at PV Council

The Pauls Valley Community Council invites all Garvin County American Indians to the Council Meeting, 6 p.m., Tuesday, January 4, 2004. The meeting will be in the Community Room of the Pauls Valley Chamber of Commerce, 112 E. Paul, across from the Royal Theater.

The program will include speakers on education opportunities and scholarships for Chickasaws, Choctaws, and other tribes. Students, parents, and grandparents are encouraged to come get information, forms, and instructions. For more information, call Don Somers, 405-665-2828, or Pauline Rodke, 405-484-7219.

Pauls Valley Senior Nutrition Center open

The new Senior Nutrition Site in Pauls Valley is now open for all American Indians age 60 years and older with CDIB cards.

The site offers games, exercises, health checks, movies, trips, speakers, demonstrations, and fund raisers.

For more information, call Paula Wood at 405-207-9034.

The Court Advocates met with 99 clients to assist in their legal issues. This brings the total number of clients seen by court advocates since January 1, 2004 to 1030. Our advocates are here to help and for those of you who need help call the District Court at: 580-235-0279 and make an appointment with the Chickasaw Nation Court Advocates.

The judicial department continues to meet the second Tuesday of each month for a judicial meeting. We take this opportunity to touch base with employees, set new goals and resolve any open issues.

Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Merry Christmas and have a safe holiday.

Rep. Cole into Hall



Governor Anoatubby reads the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame Plaque before presenting it to Congressman Tom Cole during a Dec. 1 reception at Chickasaw Nation headquarters. Rep. Cole was required to be in Washington for a vote and was unable to attend the Hall of Fame banquet earlier this year "I am truly grateful from the bottom of my heart," Rep. Cole said.

Contributed by Becky Chandler, tribal media relations.

Winstar continues winning tradition with new expansion

Guests entering Winstar Casinos' recently opened 70,000-square-foot addition may well feel they have just entered a European palace. That feeling should come as much from the service as from the décor, according to Brian Campbell, CEO of Chickasaw Enterprises.

"Our employees are highly trained and motivated to anticipate the needs and desires of our guests and to strive for excellence in meeting them," said Campbell. "We take great pride in treating each and every guest like royalty."

Winstar serves 3,000 to 4,000 guests on an average weekday, with much larger crowds flocking to the 190,000-square-foot facility each weekend to enjoy electronic gaming, paper-play bingo and off-track betting, as well as three restaurants, a deli and a 1,200-seat theater.

"There's no doubt that the Winstar facility is attracting people into Oklahoma that have

never traveled here before," said Neal McCaleb, former U.S. Interior Assistant Secretary, who now serves as a business consultant for the Chickasaw Nation. "People from Dallas and Fort Worth are coming into Oklahoma and spending money here at a rate never before seen."

Approximately 95 percent of patrons are indeed from Texas, but the facility also serves visitors from across the nation, thanks to its convenient Interstate location.

Each Saturday and Sunday, approximately 25 chartered buses provide the convenience of curb side service for patrons from as far away as San Antonio.

"This facility is having a tremendous economic impact on the local economy," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "We employ more than 1,150 local residents with an annual payroll of more than \$1 million which circulates

through the local economy several times. Beyond that, a very high percentage of Winstar visitors spend money at a wide variety of other local businesses."

In addition to the impact on the local economy, Winstar also serves to enrich community life in the area. For example, some 900 seniors gather each Wednesday for a free full-menu breakfast along with large helpings of conversation, companionship, fellowship and fun.

More than 2,200 electronic games are available in three distinct venues, including the recently opened and lavishly appointed *Palace*, as well as the *Circus-Circus* and *Mariachi* rooms.

More than 900 players can be accommodated in the 40,000-square-foot paper-play bingo area.

Horse racing fans enjoy the flexibility of the off track betting showplace, which allows expansion from the normal capacity of approximately 100 seats to more than 1,200 for big race days such as the Breeder's Cup.

Guests can choose from a variety of menus in four restaurants with total seating capacity of more than 500.



Main entrance at Winstar Casinos, Thackerville, Okla.

Deli-style fare is available at the Midway restaurant, while diners at the Bread Basket Buffet have may choose from an international array of entrees, side dishes, salads and desserts.

Other restaurant selections include fine Italian cuisine at Zar's or first-class steaks and seafood in the elegant atmosphere of the Stone Ranch restaurant.

Top flight entertainment from music stars like Neil McCoy to boxing, comedy, Las Vegas-style revues and up and coming local bands are featured at the

1,200-seat theater.

Plans are currently under way to develop the site into a full-fledged resort destination.

In addition to the Microtel Inn and Suites scheduled to open in February 2005, plans for the site include a larger hotel and convention center, a golf course, family entertainment center and RV park.

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'Chickashsha Anompa anompa'lila chi'; that means 'I'm going to speak the Chickasaw language!'

Below are some simple words, phrases and sentences in the Chickasaw language, followed by the English translation.

Sentence order in the English translation is often in reverse of the Chickasaw sentence or phrase.

Therefore, the English sentence or phrase translation is not a word-for word translation in the sense that the English word will necessarily be directly below the corresponding Chickasaw word.

The translation is of the thought conveyed by the Chickasaw phrase or sentence.

Christmas – Nittak Hollishto

Jesus Birthday – Chihoow- you?
woshi imaafammi Nittak

Chokma – Good Nanta chihohchifo?
Nanta – What What is your name?

Hohchifo – Name Oka sa banna.
Banna – Want I want some water.

Pisa – See/Look

Ii/hom'i – Yes Impa sa banna.
Ki'yo – No I want to eat.

Oka – Water

Impa – Eat Toksalili.

Toksali – Work I'm working.

Chokma! Chin chokma tah? Chokma shki!

Hello/Hi! How are you? Thanks you!

Achokma akinni, ishnako? Chipisa la cho.

I'm doing good/well, and I will see you.

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Chickasaw artists featured on calendar

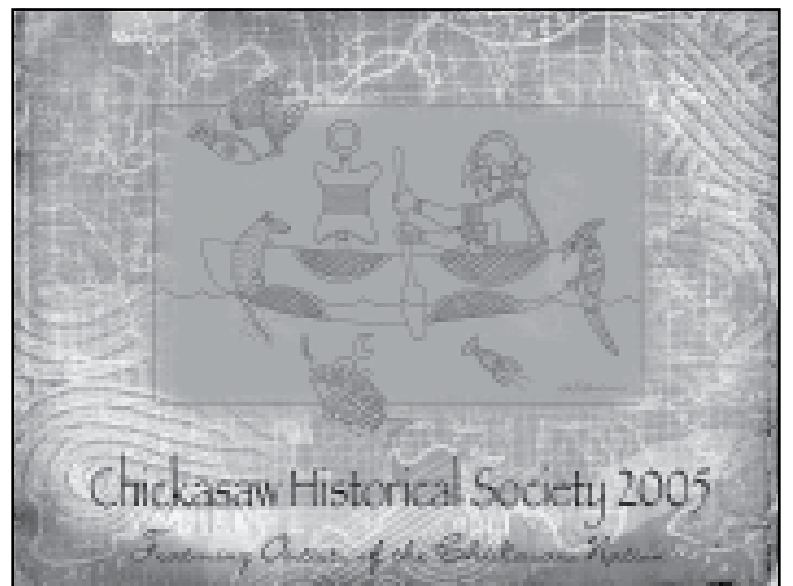
Whether you're searching for a unique Christmas gift or if you love the arts, the Chickasaw Historical Society may have just the thing for you.

The Chickasaw Historical Society offers a 2005 calendar featuring artists of the Chickasaw Nation. The artists include: Joshua Hinson, Susie Johnston, Jeannie Barbour, James Blackburn, Regina Walker, Harold Stick, Jerry Underwood, Norma Howard, Daniel Worcester, Brent Greenwood, Mike Larsen, Daniel Howard, Joanna Underwood, Joyce Vinyard, Margaret Roach Wheeler and Lorie Robins.

This is the fourth year to showcase Chickasaw artisans.

The mission of the Chickasaw Historical Society, preservation and promotion of Chickasaw history and culture, has grown over the past 12 years to include many different community projects.

Each month the calendar dis-



plays a unique blend of southeastern motifs shaped into many different forms. One can see how our ancestors have influenced the visions of our people today.

To order your calendar, send check or money order in the amount of \$15, (plus \$2.50 for

each additional calendar) for shipping and handling to Chickasaw Historical Society, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821.

For more information, call Jason Reed at (580) 436-2603, Ext. 7302.

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Camp WOW Fall Retreat provides youth new insights

Sixty-four young people ages 12 to 18 attended the annual Chickasaw Nation Fall Retreat in October at Camp WOW in Gerty, Okla.

The goal of the retreat was for youth to learn more about their culture and tribal government, to make a positive difference among young people, improve leadership skills and meet other youth.

The Fall Retreat included a Christian band, extreme glow in the dark dodge ball, mud Olympics, a hayride, fireworks, a cultural dance and much more.

The Fall Retreat is designed to give kids a positive place over fall break for youth to meet indi-

viduals from other districts, unite and form a team, said Shawna Jackson with the tribe's camps and recreation department.

Those hoping to secure a youth council office campaigned with fliers and signs during the Fall Retreat. During the retreat, the 2004-2005 District Youth Council members elected were:

Pontotoc District: Shala Buck, Brandon Blankenship, Windell Alfred, Jeri Underwood, Lindsey Elliott, Latisha Stick, Vanessa Wallace, Nikki Miller, Megan Foley and Rainee Easley

Pickens District: Misha Harris, Brandi Taylor, Brittany McLaury, Kenzie Perryman,

Tresa Blevins, Livvy Jones, Ashley Norman and Laura Ash

Tishomingo District: Kale Lampkin, Lillian Wade, Keri Smith, Kayla Smith, Kelli Smith, Janessa Monetachi, Kale Cardinale, Savannah Wilford and Latasha Johnson

Panola District: Erica McMillian, Kristen McMillian, Brittani Young, Page Miller and Denise Taylor

The Youth Council serves as a voice for the youth. A strategic planning event is scheduled for December 11 at Camp WOW to elect executives for the Youth Council.

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Youth attending the Fall Retreat at Camp WOW participate in the "mud Olympics."

First month of new fiscal year continues strong trend

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government capitation includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include sales taxes from the businesses, motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the election commission, maintenance and operations of tribal property, Chickasaw Times and governor's and Lt. governor's offices. Expenditure for

education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Depreciation has not been computed on the Fixed Assets of the governmental funds for the current year. This will be computed after year end in connection with the audit. Difference between beginning balance at October 31, 2004 and the ending balance last month are year end audit adjustments. Several year-end adjustments also have not been made.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending October 31, 2004

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses totaled \$8.8 million for the month.

Expenditures for the month were \$7.1 million. Included in expenditure was \$1 million transfer to the Housing Construction and Loan Program as authorized by GR 21-075. A total of \$2 million was authorized and the balance will be

transferred in November. Expenditures for tribal programs were \$1.1 million which is 3.3% of budget compared to the expected 8.3%.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes total \$32.5 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$9.8 million for the month.

Statement of Net Assets

At October 31, 2004, the tribal government funds had \$34.3 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, \$6.7 million is in the BIA Trust fund.

The businesses had \$39.8 million in cash and investments of which \$13.2 million is for accounts payable and \$14.4 million is reserved for reinvest-

ment in present and new businesses.

As of October 31, 2004, tribe operations had assets totaling \$268.3 million with \$21.7 million in payables resulting in net assets of \$246.6 million compared to \$238.8 million at the beginning of the year or an

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the One Month Ended October 31, 2004

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues			
Transfers from businesses to tribal government	\$ 141,400	\$2,458,200	\$2,599,600
Total funds available	18,640,361	18,848,351	37,488,712
Expenditures			
General government	280,000		280,000
Legislation	87,363		87,363
Judiciary	20,000		20,000
Education	80,840		80,840
Historic Preservation	124,000		124,000
Health	171,300		171,300
Youth and Family Services	153,400		153,400
Housing Programs	110,000		110,000
Regulatory	32,811		32,811
Assistance Programs	138,400		138,400
Transfer to Loan Program	1,000,000		1,000,000
Gaming activities		14,548,200	14,548,200
Other business expenses		8,133,154	8,133,154
Total expenditures	2,183,214	22,681,354	24,864,568
Increase in net assets	6,457,147	17,167,000	23,624,147
Beginning net assets	32,031,565	152,158,153	184,189,718
Ending net assets	\$ 38,488,712	\$ 169,325,153	\$ 207,813,865

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Net Assets
October 31, 2004

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and investments	\$4,423,149	\$8,785,000	\$13,208,149
Receivables	624,562	8,940,434	9,564,996
Inventory		3,113,882	3,113,882
Prepaid expenses		3,884,204	3,884,204
Other assets		18,284,200	18,284,200
Total assets	\$5,047,711	\$34,907,719	\$40,000,000
Less liabilities	(1,558,999)	(13,182,556)	(14,741,555)
Net Assets	\$ 3,488,712	\$ 21,725,163	\$ 25,213,875

**Amy Wilson**

Amy Wilson celebrated her 18th birthday Nov. 12, 2004.

She is the daughter of Rex and Virginia Wilson, Altus, Okla., and Mary Krueger, Altus.

We wish her a happy birthday and want to let her know that we love her.

Jeffery Wilson celebrated his 13th birthday Nov. 11, 2004.

He is the son of Rex and Virginia Wilson, Altus, Okla., and Crystal Menees, Blair, Okla.

We would like to wish him a happy birthday and let him know that we love him and are so

**Jeffery Wilson****Shakayla and Shakyla Johnson**

Shakayla and Shakyla Johnson celebrated their first birthday Nov. 13, 2004.

They are the twin granddaughters of Rex and Virginia Wilson, Altus, Okla.

We wish them many blessings for the years to come, we love you.

Gramps and Memaw

Jaylee Reese Willis celebrated her first birthday, September 27, 2004. She celebrated with a "My Little Pony" birthday party theme October 3, 2004 with family.

Jaylee is the daughter of Jeff and Rhonda Willis, Ada, Okla. She has a big brother, Jordan Ryan Willis.

She is the granddaughter of Mark and Debbie Willis and Rodney and Sherry Haynes, all of Ada. She is the great-granddaughter of Bill Stephens, Melba Haynes, and Reese Scott, all of Ada.

Jaylee loves playing with her Learning Leap Frog Fridge Barn and Blocks. She is learning to walk.

We love her so much!

Happy Birthday!

**Jaylee Willis**

Brittney Nicole Conway celebrated her first birthday Oct. 14, 2004 with a "Telletubbies" birthday party, hosted by family and friends.

She is the daughter of Jim and Linda Conway, Frankfort, Ill.

She is the granddaughter of Don and Peggy Prather, Huffman, Texas, Frank and Gloria Baumgartner, Orland Park, Ill, and the late Eleanor Baumgartner. She is the great-granddaughter of the late Edgar and Evelyn Bennett and Robert and Vera Conway.

She is a sixth generation granddaughter of Thomas Parker, former governor of the Chickasaw Nation.

Brittney had a terrific time celebrating her Telletubbies birthday party with siblings Tiffany and Anthony and friends and family.

We love you Brittney!

**Brittney Conway**

Justice Aaliyah Lewis celebrated her sixth birthday Oct. 29, 2004.

I'm very proud of her, she loves going to church and going to Sunday School. She also loves singing for the Lord.

Her brothers also had birthdays Cameron turned nine Oct. 2, 2004 and Stringfellow turned eight Oct. 15. Her other siblings are Alexis, Ameia, Koby, Corene and Harmon. They are the children of Coby and Jaime Lewis.

They are the grandchildren of Gary and Mary Lou Thomas, Ardmore, Okla., Charlie and Christine Lewis, Ardmore. They are the nieces and nephews of Alicia, Damien and Albert Taylor, Tara Thomas, Brian Locust and Chad Lewis. They are the cousins of Christina, Nathan and Nick Landeros.

Love always,

Grandma Mary Lou Thomas

"Smile Jesus Loves You"

**Justice Lewis**

Kids join the Gibson family



Dwayne 18 months, were officially adopted and changed their last name to Gibson.

The families of Cory and Kelah are very proud and commend the couple for the path they have taken.

Cory is the son of Brent and Lynn Gibson, Ada, Okla. Kelah is the daughter of Billy and Cherrylle McGlothlin, Cheyenne, Okla.

An adoption party for family and close friends was held to celebrate this happy event.

The couple lives in San Antonio, Texas.

Lynn Gibson is a Chickasaw Nation employee in the Child Support Enforcement Program.

November 3 marks a special and important day in the lives of Cory and Kelah Gibson. Damien James, 4, and Jesse

Christmas Feast set for Dec. 18

ADA, Okla. – The first annual Ada area Christmas Feast is slated for December 18 at the Pontotoc County Agri-plex from noon to 3 p.m.

The Christmas Feast is an effort to provide a community event that invites the entire community to come together in fellowship and spirit of the season, while at the same time providing an opportunity to reach out to those less fortunate.

The Chickasaw Nation is teaming with other area organizations and businesses to sponsor the free feast.

"It is important to reach out

to our neighbors during the holiday season to spread joy and happiness," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby.

The event will include Santa, entertainment, resource information booths and food.

For more information, contact the Youth and Family Services Division at (580) 310-6620.

For transportation arraignments, call (580) 332-7056 or (800) 332-7950 by noon December 17.

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Keel to receive law degree



JEFF KEEL

Jeff Keel will graduate from the University of Tulsa College of Law on December 18, 2004 with a Juris Doctor degree and a Certificate in Native American Law.

While in law school Keel has been active in the TU Chapter of the Native American Law Students Association, currently he serves as Treasurer, and a member of Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity. He has also worked two semesters for the University of Tulsa Boesche Legal Clinic providing legal aid to citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

Keel also completed legal research for Legal Advocates for Indian Country, LLC, an

Indian owned law firm in Miami, Oklahoma.

Prior to entering law school, Keel worked in various positions at the Chickasaw Nation, including his appointment by Governor Bill Anoatubby to serve as the director of Carter Seminary and as Special Assistant to the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Sociology in 1999 and a Master of Science in Human Resources in 2000 from East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma.

Keel is the son of Chickasaw Nation Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel and Carol Keel, and grandson of original enrollee the late Freeman and the late Hilda B. Keel of Tishomingo, and the grandson of the late John and Betty Whitworth of Coleman, Oklahoma.

After sitting for the Oklahoma Bar exam, Keel will begin full-time employment working in the office of general counsel for Chickasaw Enterprises. Keel, his wife Falisha, and daughter Lindsey are excited about moving back to the Ada area and look forward to years ahead.

Tribe breaks ground in November on Ardmore Nutrition Center



Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby, Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel, tribal legislators and others break ground for the new Ardmore Nutrition Center Nov. 3.

Chickasaw Nation officials and guests broke ground for an Ardmore Nutrition Center Nov. 3 on the Carter Seminary campus, near other Chickasaw Nation facilities.

The Chickasaw Nation currently has nutrition centers in Ardmore, Ada and Purcell. The Ardmore center was the first to open in 1998, but services have outgrown the facility.

The new center will be approximately 10,000 square feet

and will house a grocery store for the food distribution program, a state-of-the-art demonstration kitchen, breastfeeding lounge, children's play area, outdoor cooking demonstration area and a conference room.

The newest center is part of our continuing efforts to create improved services for our people," Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said. "We are sharing the knowledge of diet, fitness and health as we

strive to advance the overall quality of life of Chickasaw citizens."

The food distribution program and the Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC) serve nearly 2,600 people a month in the current location.

"We hope to increase the scope of services to be offered at the more centralized location," said Melinda Newport, tribal nutrition services director.

The new location will provide space for nutrition education activities. Clients served in the facility will include those participating in food distribution, WIC, senior and WIC farmers' market nutrition. In addition, cooking shows and classes will be offered, as well as breastfeeding peer counselor services.

For more information, contact the current Ardmore Nutrition Center location at 4915 W. Broadway or by calling (580) 226-8289 or (877) 897-2195.

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Miller certified in opticianry

The American Board of Opticianry (ABO) is pleased to announce that Johnny Miller has recently demonstrated the knowledge and skills necessary for the effective practice of Opticianry by passing the national competency examination, The National Opticianry Competency Exam (NOCE).

Miller is manager of Oklahoma Optical, a tribal enterprise.

The NOCE is a job-related exam, which accurately measures technical optical dispensing knowledge, and is administered nationwide twice a year. The exam is psychometrically developed under the supervision of the Professional Examination Service (PES). Of the twenty-two states that license or register, nineteen states use the NOCE as the written part of their licensing standards.



Certification by the ABO is the only nationally recognized voluntary credential for ophthalmic dispensers. The designation ABOC earned by this individual should be recognized as a measure of professional ability and distinction.

Tribal rep in Chickasha on Dec. 20

A Chickasaw Nation representative will be in Chickasha, Okla., Dec. 20 to answer questions about tribal programs.

To find out more information, or to apply for tribal elderly energy assistance, tribal emergency utility assistance, energy assistance, Community Health Representatives or other programs, visit Bettie Black at the Chickasha Boys & Girls Club, 1501 Henderson, Monday, Dec. 20 from 3 to 5 p.m.

A tribal representative will available for questions at the Chickasha Boys & Girls Club the third Monday of each month.

For more information, call (405) 527-6667.



Artist rendering of the Ardmore Nutrition Center

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Chickasaw artist reflects heritage through research



Earth Diver, pen and ink drawing by Joshua Hinson.

Joshua Hinson created the pen and ink drawing, *Earth Diver*, which graces the cover of the *Chickasaw Historical Society 2005 Calendar*.

The story depicts the quest of people and animals to get some earth after a great flood. After the worm in search of earth was eaten by the fish and the crawfish found the earth at the bottom so comfortable he failed to return, the bird finally flew over the horizon to bring earth back to his companions.

Parallels between that story and Hinson's life can be made as the young artist strives to rise above the flood of modernity and pass along his knowledge of Indian culture to the next generation.

That is not to say this artist who has taken on such a serious responsibility is some solemn or grave figure. A keen sense of humor appears in a story he tells about his early awareness of his Chickasaw heritage.

"My Chickasaw identity came to the forefront even as a little boy. But I remember as a little kid I'd get so irritated. I'd be like 'mom, why can't we be Comanche, why can't we be Lakota. I want to be a Plains Indian. I want to wear a bonnet,'" Hinson recalled with a wide grin.

"But, what are you gonna do? Those Plains Indian are really romanticized," he said. "But as I grew older, being Chickasaw has always been at the fore-

front."

Hinson grew up learning about his Chickasaw heritage and culture from his maternal grandmother, Faye Elizabeth Nichols, and his great-grandmother, Charlie Perkins-Cox, an original Chickasaw enrollee.

While his parents, Charla and Waymon Hinson, sometimes spoke of his multi-tribal heritage (Chickasaw and Choctaw heritage from his mother and Muscogee, Creek and Cherokee from his father) it was his Chickasaw grandmother and great-grandmother who did the most to pass on that heritage.

"We're all enrolled Chickasaw, so that's been really the driving force. I had some strong grannies and they were Chickasaws to the core," said Hinson. "While my Mom was always encouraging, my grandmother was really the main one who would talk all the time about where we came from.

"She would always talk about our grannies going to Bloomfield and what they did and how they were, and what they were like, and what it was like about growing up in Oklahoma. Just family stories, but all those family stories were really just Chickasaw stories."

While he was by no means the only family member of his generation to hear these stories, he was one of the few who took them very strongly to heart.

"I guess of all the cousins, I'm

the Indian out of the group," Mr. Hinson said with an infectious chuckle. "You know how families are, especially with mixed blood families. Some folks don't really care, some folks are crazy for it. Here I am working for the tribe."

That is by no means to say others in his family have abandoned their Chickasaw heritage.

"In many ways we're just like many other mixed families," said Mr. Hinson. "We're Chickasaw, we're tribal members, we're always aware of what's going on. We participate in tribal politics. We always vote. We come back and so forth. You kind of maintain that Indian identity as Indian people while living out there."

"All the Indians I knew growing up were relatives. Growing up in west Texas there weren't that many Indian people other than our family. So we spent a lot of time coming back and forth between Texas and Achille."

Some of those family members are also steeped in tradition.

"I have two cousins, one of whom is a pow wow dancer. She doesn't really travel the circuit, but she has danced quite a bit in the past. Her brother is going to Iraq. He's a Marine."

"They're both committed and involved in tribal life. But I'm kind of taking the reigns from my granny and keeping track of all the family photos and recording the stories and doing oral histories with her and stuff like that. So, I guess I'm the Meme Nichols of my generation."

Hinson's artwork, which relies heavily on oral tradition and history, is a big part of that effort to keep his culture alive for future generations.

He started drawing at a very early age and concentrated on Native style art through his early years. Later, he experimented with other styles while earning his Bachelor of Fine Arts at Abilene Christian University, before returning to his true calling.

"With the birth of my son – we named him after Levi Colbert, which is one of his direct ancestors – the desire to get back to tribal arts kept growing stronger," Hinson said. "I realized I had this responsibility to my

little boy. I wanted him to know who his people are and where we come from."

"I had this idea in my head about two years about doing – starting work again in a tribal style. And I wanted to do southeastern work. I had been kind of mulling this over through college and one day I said 'I'm going to sit down and I'm going to do this.'"

That led to intense research and a decision to concentrate on art incorporating his knowledge of Southeastern and Mississippian culture.

"I do a lot of research. I look at texts that have examples of the style, especially the shell engravings. But a lot of my work is involved around tribal stories. I'll take a story and adapt it to a visual image and translate it through that Mississippian kind of visual language, where it's really simple, sometimes almost cartoonish in its simplicity."



JOSHUA HINSON

"I really like to put the title in the bottom of the piece. I like to incorporate language as best as I can and have people come to some sort of understanding."

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Chickasaw History Quiz

by Richard Green

1. An American named Malcolm McGee lived with and worked for the Chickasaw from 1768 to about 1825. As interpreter, he accompanied the Chickasaw leaders who visited President George Washington at Mount Vernon in 1795. What did Washington allegedly give McGee?

- A. A George Washington Peace Medal
- B. \$100 for his services
- C. A cutting from a weeping willow tree
- D. A horse to ride on the return trip

2. The name of the candidate for Chickasaw Nation governor who was defeated by Douglas H. Johnston in 1898 was:

- A. William L. Byrd
- B. Hindman H. Burris
- C. William M. Guy
- D. Robert M. Harris

3. According to Chickasaw removal investigator General Ethan Allen Hitchcock, approximately what percentage of Chickasaw died in the relocation camps once they had survived the Trail of Tears?

- A. Zero
- B. 1 percent
- C. 6 percent
- D. 12 percent

4. According to available colonial documents, why did the Chickasaw abandon two elongated clusters of villages in the early 1720s?

- A. The French made the area unsafe.
- B. A prolonged drought.
- C. The neighboring Choctaw burned the villages and killed and captured hundreds of Chickasaw.
- D. Infectious diseases wiped out whole villages.

See Answers, page 19

Ada Area Job Fair Oct. 26

You're Hired!

Over 350 people attended the third annual Ada Area Job Fair Oct. 26.

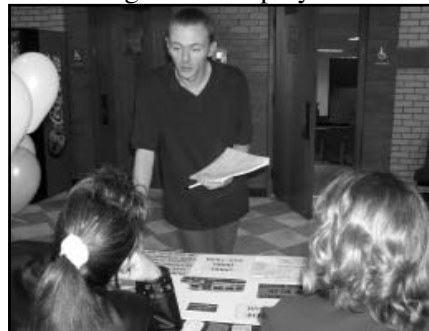
The Chickasaw Nation, Pre-Paid Legal, Cable One and Valley View Regional Hospital were just a few of the companies looking to hire employees

at the job fair.

Available positions included home health care aides, certified nurse aides, customer service personnel, juvenile service workers, photography positions, pharmacy tech positions and many others.

The job fair was sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation, Ada Jobs Foundation, Pontotoc Technology Center and Workforce Oklahoma.

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Terrie Miller, of Fittstown, Okla., visits with representatives from Call-A-Ride about job opportunities during the job fair.

Adan Tony Crisp registers at the Ada Area Job Fair before checking out possible career opportunities.



Child Development conference includes Chickasaw aspects

ADA, Okla. - The first annual Chickasaw Nation Child Development Conference was Nov. 5 and 6 in Ada. Over 100 people attended the conference.

"A Harvest of Knowledge"

was the theme for this year's event.

The conference was open to any person involved in the development of a child.

The courses offered included

Chickasaw storytelling, childhood self-esteem, fire safety, art, music, childhood obesity, recognizing signs of child abuse, effects of family violence on children, physical activity, infant and toddler curriculum, legalities in child care, as well as many others.

A highlight of the conference was the keynote luncheon speaker, Royce Junghanns, who spoke on "Dreamkeepers: Keeping the Vision Alive." This was based on the Chickasaw legend of "No Lost Children."

The conference was sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation child care department.

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Chickasaw Nation community nutrition coordinators Jan Long and Nancie Rossen show others cooking tips during the conference.

At right, Chickasaw child care employees LaVonna West and Liz Burris take part in the Child Development Conference.



'Its About Money'

Bank2 is helping make affordable housing a reality



J.D. Colbert

By J.D. COLBERT

'Tis the season of celebration. As I write this column, Thanksgiving is just days away while Christmas and New Year's are just around the corner. It is indeed good and appropriate that we annually pause at this time of year to give thanks for our many blessings and to celebrate our joys.

We at Bank2 were recently notified of another cause for celebration. The Oklahoma

Finance Housing Agency at its November meeting awarded funding for three low-to-moderate affordable housing developments in which Bank2 has played an important role. Collectively, these three housing developments total about \$10 million in construction costs and will create approximately 160 additional units of affordable housing in rural Oklahoma when completed. It is believed that many of the new units will be occupied by Native American families. We are very proud to have played a significant role in making more affordable housing a reality.

Elizabeth Place Apartments was awarded \$500,000 in Low Income Housing Tax Credits. It will be a 92-unit apartment complex located in El Reno that will have a special focus on grandfamilies. Indeed, Elizabeth Place Apartments may very well serve as the model for future grandfamily housing nation-

wide. The term "grandfamily" refers to situations in which children and adolescents receive their primary care from their grandparents.

Recent U.S. Census data has documented a strong upsurge in the prevalence of grandfamilies nationwide. Oklahoma ranks near the top of all the states in terms of the percentage of families headed by a grandparent. Elizabeth Place will not only provide affordably priced housing but will also allow residents to access a variety of social services and educational opportunities.

ORO Development Corporation was awarded \$300,000 in HOME grant funds to build a 26-unit affordable housing subdivision in Geary, Okla. These will be single family homes that will be approximately 1,200-1,300 square feet when completed. Bank2 will be providing the construction financing and we hope to provide the mortgage

financing for the purchasers of these homes.

The third project involves a \$50,000 HOME grant award to Native American Housing Services, Inc., a certified housing development organization. NAHS will build a 48-unit single-family housing subdivision in north central Oklahoma. Bank2 will also be providing a significant portion of the construction financing for this affordable housing development.

Bank2's involvement in this important housing effort underscores our commitment to assist low-to-moderate individuals and families to find affordable hous-

ing in Oklahoma. As Chickasaw citizens you can be proud of your bank's commitment to help create additional affordable housing options for low-to-moderate Native American individuals and families.

J.D. Colbert serves as Executive Vice President, Native American Services at Bank2. Bank2 is a growing \$70 million full service financial institution with its headquarters in Oklahoma City, OK. Bank2 is owned and operated by the Chickasaw Nation. It's About Money, is published monthly by Bank2, as a financial service to members of the Chickasaw Nation.

Happy Holidays!



Chickasaw Foundation honors donors, volunteers

ADA, Okla. - Dozens attended the third annual Friends of the Chickasaw Foundation reception Nov. 12 at the Ada Arts and Heritage Center.

So many times throughout the year donors and volunteers give unselfishly of their time, resources and talents to assist with our events, activities and programs, said Foundation Executive Director Johnna Walker.

This year's winners at the reception included: Horizon Award winner Joyce Hoffman;

Outstanding Philanthropist was Colbert "Bud" Baker; Patron of the Year was the Chickasaw Nation; Outstanding Corporate Donor was Bank2; Outstanding Board Member

was Dr. Tina Cooper; Outstanding Volunteer Group was the Chickasaw Nation Health System – operating room staff; Outstanding Volunteer winner was Darrell Walker; Outstanding Peer Counselors were Sarah Callen and Tony Bennett; Circle of Friends Award went to Will and Tobi Longwitz and Nancy Edwards; and the Philanthropic Family of the Year Award was the Hill Family.

The mission of the Chickasaw Foundation is to promote the general welfare and culture of the Chickasaw people by supporting educational, health, historical and community activities

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Gov. Bill Anoatubby accepts the Chickasaw Foundation "Patron of the Year" award from Chickasaw Foundation Board chairperson Deanna Hartley-Kelso. Gov. Anoatubby accepted the award on behalf of the Chickasaw Nation.

Foundation Open House Dec. 10

Mark your calendars for the Chickasaw Foundation's annual Christmas Open House, Friday, December 10, 2004 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Refreshments will be provided, and be sure to register for a chance to win a wonderful gift. Happy Holidays!



Chickasaw Foundation board members present Bank2 representatives with the 2004 Outstanding Corporate Donor award. Pictured from left to right are: Foundation Board chairperson Deanna Hartley-Kelso; Fran Smith, Bank2 senior vice president; Angie Little, vice-president of Native American lending for Bank2; and Foundation Board trustees Kirk Perry, Dr. Tina M. Cooper and Kennedy Brown.

Stanford Chickasaw receives Foundation scholarship



Laura Jacobsen

The Chickasaw Foundation is pleased to announce a \$500 scholarship award for Ms. Laura Jacobsen. She is a 2004 graduate of Reno High School, Reno, Nev., and is currently a freshman at Stanford University.

Laura is Chickasaw, and plans to major in law. She hopes to be a lawyer and eventually a judge. She would also like to be a secondary teacher or professor, and to someday have

her research published. She is a talented musician, as she plays the piano and guitar.

Appreciation is extended to all the Chickasaw Nation employees who saved, pasted and sent in their Apple Market stamps to the Foundation and helped us to earn the money for this scholarship. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

Upward Bound students help out at Cultural Evening

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound students volunteered for the Cultural Evening on September 28, 2004

at Kullihoma. Several students helped to keep the grounds picked up and the trash cans emptied during the event and others assisted as tour guides.

Volunteering were Jeremy Webb, Josh Hammond, Detrick Mowdy, Eli Dick, Shannon Underwood, Beth Huddleston, Michael Brown,



Robert Durlington, Kasondra Yates, Shane Wooly, Blake Davis, Jeremy Strang, Shellan Gray, Amanda Landreth, Rebekah Ritchie and Matthew MacDonald.



Students of the Month for September and October

Students of the month have been selected for September and October in all four districts of the Chickasaw Nation.

Up to 24 awards are presented each month, as male and female student of the month awards are available in elementary, middle school and high school in each of the four districts of the Chickasaw Nation.

Each student of the month receives a recognition plaque and a \$25 Wal-Mart gift certificate.

All Native American students with a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood in grades one through 12 attending participating schools in the Chickasaw Nation are eligible for student of the month.

Students are nominated by teachers, counselors, JOM coordinators, principals or other school personnel in recognition of academic accomplishments, leadership qualities, positive attitude, work ethic, citizenship and other criteria.

Following are students of the month, along with selected comments from those who nominated each student.

Destiny Bernal, Zachary Manry and Tiffany Johnson of Calera School are September students of the month in Panola District.

Destiny Berna is a student that is always at school. "Her home work is always done neatly and turned in on time," said Kim McKnight, "she get along easily with others and is a joy for any teacher to have in class," "She is a very responsible sixth grade girl."

Zachary Manry is a terrific boy. "He is very well mannered and does a great job following the rules," said Shelly Henderson, "He is very smart and does well in school." "Zac will be a neat choice for Student of the Month." Thank you for your time.

"Tiffany Johnson has had one of the best "Well-rounded" high school careers," said Robbee Tonubbee, "she is active in sports, yearbook, learn & serve and student council." Despite the overwhelming stress of working and going to school. "Tiffany has managed to make time to help her family." This year, the Johnson have started keeping foster children.

Paige Miller and James Baker of Ravia Elementary School

are September students of the month in Tishomingo District.

"Paige Miller is a very sweet girl," said Debbie Akins "She is always respectful to her peers and teachers," "she excels in all her class work."

James Baker is an excellent student. "He has a positive attitude is always willing to help out at anywhere he can," said Debbie Akins.

Jacob Frazier, Shania Humphery, and Sara Martin of Latta School, **Justin Wright** of Wynnewood Jr. High, **Shayna Gibson**, Allen High School and **C. J. Stewart**, Roff High are September students of the month in Pontotoc District.

Jacob Frazier, "I enjoy having him in my class, said Deborah Priest, "He is a conscientious student and demonstrates leadership qualities." "He is always polite and thoughtful of others."

"Shania Humphery is an excellent student and a model citizen," said Kathy Brendle, " She has a happy and cooperative attitude toward her schoolwork."

"I can always expect Shania to set a good example in citizenship as well as scholarship," "She is very respectful with her words and actions toward adults as well as her peers." "It is pleasant to work with such a willing child." "I am proud to recognize Shania Humphrey as Student of the Month."

Sara Martin is a seventh grade student at Latta Jr. High. "Sara is involved in many activities and is a great student, said Terry Painter," "Sara is very deserving of the award."

Justin Wright has attended this school since the fifth grade. "Each year he continues to improve in academic and social skills," said Terri Hays. "In academics he has made significant progress, especially in the area



of reading." "He also is showing an aptitude and involved interest in the vocational trade of mechanics or making repairs." "He would like to pursue the type of career after high school." "Socially, Justin is a very out going person and get along well with his peers." For all these reasons, I nominate Justin Wright student of the month.

"Shayna Gibson is an all-around student," Said Lisa Cosner, "she is also a responsible person." "Shayna is a good student."

"She is involved in many extra curricular activities and works

after school and weekends."

"Shayna has been a positive influence for our students in academics and leadership throughout high school."

"She has been a successful student and has a bright future."

"C.J. Stewart is a very intelligent, self-motivated student," said Lori Trimmer. "He is well liked and respected by the student body and is always very well-mannered in whatever situation he may be in." "Not only is he an excellent student who has achieved as a sophomore a 26 on his ACT, but he also a major player on our state



baseball and basketball teams."

"C.J. Is a top-notch student and person who is well deserving of this award."

Students of the Month for October are as follows.

Reva Nail of Kingston High school is the student of the month for the Pickens District.

"Reva Venoy Nail is an outstanding and outgoing student at Kingston High," said Sue Shilling. "She is a Freshman and has carried a 4.0GPA since the sixth grade." "She has been named to the superintendent's Honor Roll and to the Governor's Honor Roll." "She has



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Students of the Month for September and October

been active in Kingston FCCLA organization and has participated and placed in STAR event competition."

"She has done a presentation on smoking as part of her STAR competition. She is also active in FFA, Student Council and Speech and Drama Club."

"Reva sets high standards for herself and one of those goals is to go to college and study pharmacy."

"Reva is proud of her Chickasaw heritage and culture and this award would honor an outstanding member of the Chickasaw Nation."

Courtney Toombs of Achille Jr. High is the student of the month for the Panola District.



"Courtney is one of the best students I have ever taught," said Traci Umsted. "She is always prepared, is usually the first or one of the first students

to complete her work and was the second highest grade of the entire eighth grade." "She has an excellent attendance record and is just a fine young lady."

Students of the month for the Pontotoc District are **Logan Hatter, Brittney Treas, Kalie Foster, Sandi Brock, and Brandon Billy**, all of Wapanucka, and **Reece Lewis** of Allen Jr. High,

Logan Hatter is a fourth grader at Wapanucka School. He is the son of Tanya Hatter and James Collins.

"In past years, Logan has received several awards including spelling and penmanship awards." Said Bill Vann. "Logan enjoys playing basketball and video games." "He also enjoys hunting and fishing."

"**Brittney Treas** is a very bright young girl." Said Bill Vann. "She works hard at everything and she exiles at what she does." "Her grades are very high and she does very well in her extra curricular activities."



"I am happy to

recommend **Kalie Foster** as Student of the Month." Said Carol Hutland. "Kalie is a bright young woman, ready to work and willing to ask questions when she needs help."

"She is quiet and friendly, a conscientious student, helpful to peers and attentive to her teachers."

"Kalie consistently demonstrates a mature sense of responsibility in her classwork and strives to do her best." "She has a sweet and thoughtful spirit and is an asset to any classroom."

I believe she would be an excellent choice for Student of the Month.

Sandi Brock has been in my classes for the past four years. "She is a bright student and tries to her best in her classes," said Rose Wooley. "She has



had some obstacles to overcome lately, but is sticking with school because she knows how important it is to graduate.

Brandon Billy is new to our school this year, but already he has made an impression on me as a good, kind young man," said Rose Wooley. "He is very studious and concerned about his work."

"He has a great smile and laugh and is fun to be around."

"**Reece Lewis** is a wonderful asset to any classroom," said Brenda Wofford. "He is cooperative and



always does his work." "He is friendly to all of his classmates and he is always respectful to his teachers."

"Reece is not only a good student he is a good athlete, friend and leader in his school."

Tribal March of Dimes walkers



Chickasaw Nation Team Members took part in the October March of Dimes Walk in Ada. The Chickasaw Nation team won first place for raising the most money, first place for most improved team, second place for most creative and third place for team with the most walkers.



Chickasaw Nation March of Dimes walkers on the move. Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Healthy treats



Alicson Scott assists **Tyler Weems**, from Ada Head Start, in preparing a morning snack that includes apples, peanut butter and raisins. The tribe's nutrition department hosted several kids cooking classes in November and December.

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Ke-Ke Factor

Ke-Ke Factor, 2, danced in the Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women Honor Pow-Wow hosted at East Central University, Ada, Okla., Nov. 20, 2004.

Ke-Ke wore her jingle dress in the Tiny Tots division and put on a great show! Ke-Ke is the daughter of Gwen and Stan Factor, Ada, Okla.

Diabetes Care Center designed to bring about improved lives

The Chickasaw Nation Health System (CNHS) provides health care to persons within a 10-county area of south-central Oklahoma. It has a service area user population of 29,511. In fiscal year 2003, there were over 300,000 combined outpatient visits at the main facilities located in Ada, Okla., the Carl Albert Indian Health Facility (CAIHF) and the Family Practice Center, as well as three satellite clinics.

The current prevalence of diabetes with the Chickasaw Nation is 15.97%, representing a total of 4,714 persons with diabetes.

For many years the CNHS has provided comprehensive diabetes management at CAIHF. Medical, educational and other diabetes-related services such as foot and eye care were provided in separate departments scattered throughout the hospital. In 1998, with funding from

the U.S. Indian Health Service Special Diabetes Programs for Indians grant, a core diabetes program was established. The nucleus of this new program included an endocrinologist, a registered nurse/certified diabetes educator, an exercise specialist, and a clerical staff member. A registered dietitian and a physician's assistant were soon added to the diabetes team. Diabetes activities became coordinated through this new diabetes program, but services remained fragmented and access hindered by the physical distance between the various departments.

In 2001 the CNHS received a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to construct a building to centralize diabetes-related services into one area. The two-fold purpose for the new building: easier access for patients and improvement in the delivery of diabetes care. Responsibility for the design and layout of the interior of the building, including such issues as patient flow, was delegated to the diabetes team. The 8,500 square foot CNHS Diabetes Care Center (DCC) officially opened April 6, 2004. Adjoining the hospital, and conveniently accessed through the same main entrance, the DCC has its own

waiting and registration area. The following programs and services are now located in the DCC:

1. Medical: intensive and routine management of diabetes and related disorders by endocrinologist and PA-C; gestational diabetes clinic; monthly pediatric endocrinologist; bi-weekly nephrologist.

2. Education: individual and group basic and comprehensive diabetes education by RN/CDE and DM team staff; home glucose monitoring and insulin instruction.

3. Nutrition: individual/family nutrition counseling by RD/LD; weight loss consultation; fully equipped teaching kitchen; bi-weekly "diabetes friendly" cooking classes.

4. Physical Activity: fitness room supervised by specialist with B.S. in exercise science; individualized exercise assessments, programs and prescriptions.

5. Foot clinic: comprehensive diabetes foot care and exam by RN/certified pedorthist; callous, wound and ulcer care; custom orthotics and shoes.

6. Retinal imaging lab: dilated retinal photos, visual acuity and glaucoma screening.

7. Dental: comprehensive screening, cleaning and preventative services by hygienist.

8. Behavioral Health: screening for depression; alcohol/tobacco counseling by MS.

9. Data Systems Specialist: codes all diabetes encounters and maintains diabetes registry.

Additional activities:

Also this year, the CNHS Diabetes Program participated in the development of a diabetes awareness campaign for the NIH and CDC National Diabetes Education Program's "Power to Prevent" campaign targeting American Indians and Alaskan Natives. The CNHS received a competitive grant to develop and implement a primary prevention of diabetes program. Recruitment activities are in progress for the "Treatment Options for Type 2 Diabetes in Adolescents and Youth" (TODAY) research project. The CNHS diabetes team and the local community hospital just completed the first joint community diabetes awareness program for National Diabetes Month.

Contributed by Bobby Saunkeah, R.N., CNHS Diabetes Care Center

Carl Albert opens day surgery holding area

ADA, Okla. - Nov. 3 marked the opening of the new day surgery holding area at the Chickasaw Nation Health System's Carl Albert Indian Hospital.

The area will be utilized for preparing all outpatients for surgery. Once the preoperative process is complete, patients are assisted to the surgery suite. All inpatients will continue to be prepared for surgery in the old day surgery area, now called the step-down recovery area.

"We are very proud and excited about the new area. This will be a great benefit for employees, patients and their families," said Jimmy Tignor, RN, surgery department unit manager.

The new holding area houses seven patient cubicles equipped

with comfortable recliners with a movable arm rest, IV poles and visitor seating. There is also a combination receptionist and nurse station and an extra-large bathroom for changing. In addition, there is a large waiting area with a nourishment counter.

It's a bright, cheery place to wait and be prepared for surgery," Tignor said.

The area is across the hall from the surgery department. It will be staffed with a receptionist and two licensed nursing personnel.

Hours for the holding area will be Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Tom Schultz, RN, a 28-year nurse veteran, stands in the new patient cubicles in the day surgery holding area.

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Tribal Safety Fair



Medical/surgical unit nurses Kelli Ludlow, RN, and Mona Palmer, LPN, review informational booths at the safety fair.



Mark Brewer poses with the Chickasaw Nation Injury Prevention Program booth during the 2004 Safety Fair. The fair was for Carl Albert employees and was conducted early November in the hospital's main conference room. The booths were designed to educate fellow employees about various health topics.

Native American Cultural Awareness Day



Clockwise from top left, Chickasaw Nation Head Start students color necklaces during Cultural Awareness Day. Later, the kids ate poshofa and fry bread and listened to tribal stories. Colton Wilson, 3, colors his eagle necklace during the Head Start trip to the Native American Cultural Awareness Day on Nov. 19. Miss Indian Oklahoma Elaina Cozad-Torres shares tribal stories with the Head Start group during Cultural Awareness Day at the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Library.

Stay Team at OU

Students present HIV/AIDS awareness program to youth



Students from Riverside Indian School in Anadarko, Okla., join in with Chickasaw presenters for a presentation on HIV/AIDS awareness.

During the recent HIV/AIDS awareness forum in Norman, Okla., Chickasaw Youth Council members played a major role.

The groups broke into sessions and Misha Harris wrote a script along with two other students to create a commercial for the conference. Over 100 students participated in the conference. Sponsors included Toni Pace, Judy Knapp, James Lampkin of Youth Services and Regina Folger of Office of Strong Family. If you would like to get involved with the Stay Team please contact Toni Pace, (405) 527-6667 or the Ada Youth and Family Services at (580) 310-6620.



On October 15, 2004, two students Misha Harris, Pickens Youth Council member, and Samantha Hotema, Tishomingo Youth Council member, presented HIV/Aids Awareness at the Native Survivor Youth HIV/AIDS forum in Norman, Okla. They presented information on prevention of HIV/Aids to

The Colberts and Chickasaw Leadership, Part II: Twilight of the Full Bloods

By **RICHARD GREEN**
Contributing Writer

Piomingo was born about 1750, according to long-time Chickasaw translator, Malcolm McGee. Unfortunately, nothing substantive is known about his life until 1783, when he was identified as the lead warrior of Chukafalaya (Long Town). In 1786, he was called the lead Chickasaw warrior by most, but the lead culprit by Creek Principal Chief Alexander McGillivray. Aggressively anti-American, McGillivray, born in 1759, charged that Piomingo had been bribed by the Americans at Hopewell, South Carolina, during the 1786 treaty negotiations.

But, even as Piomingo was receiving the bribe or expected gifts (depending on point of view), he continued to oppose all land sales though he was aware that his American allies wanted Chickasaw land. He probably thought or at least hoped that the tribal domain could remain intact as long as the United States and Spain competed for the allegiance of the southern Indians.

Piomingo's pro-Spanish counterpart, Ugulaycabe, probably felt the same way. Though on opposing sides, their shared goal of working for what was best for the tribe may have prevented a Chickasaw civil war during the first five years of the 1790s as the Creeks, under McGillivray, worked to undermine Chickasaw unity. Another reason that they seemed to balance or check one another in the decade after Hopewell was that Piomingo was a war chief, and Ugulaycabe may have been a civil chief. Unlike Piomingo, Ugulaycabe is not identified as a war chief in the colonial documents and his name is not associated with battles. Throughout the historical period, war and civil chiefs had been striking delicate balances in tribal decision-making.

Ugulaycabe seems to have been doing that himself in his relations with both powers. At the U.S.-sponsored Nashville conference in 1792, he refused an American request to put up a trading post on Chickasaw land, saying Spain provided all the tribe needed. But he also

said that the Chickasaw would not side with either the U.S. or Spain in a war between them. He stressed tribal opposition to further white encroachments on Chickasaw land.

Piomingo also attended the Nashville conference, as did William and George Colbert, after being given Peace Medals and uniforms at Chukafalaya (Long Town) in advance of the conference by emissaries of Pres. George Washington. At Nashville, Ugulaycabe told the Americans that he and Piomingo were one, meaning that they both favored tribal independence and no land cessions.

Creek attacks against the Chickasaw heated up in the early 1790s, and this drove the two Chickasaw factions closer together. Nevertheless, when the U.S. was tardy with providing essential supplies obligated through the Treaty of Hopewell, Ugulaycabe and several other chiefs signed an offensive-defensive alliance at the Treaty of Nogales with Spain in 1793. Two years later, Ugulaycabe and other pro-Spanish chiefs consented to allow Spain to erect a fort at Chickasaw Bluffs (now Memphis). Though he received many personal incentives to sign the treaty, including the promise of \$500 per year, he also told the Spanish that the Creek attacks must stop. Though the war continued, the Creeks' motivation to continue it ebbed after McGillivray died in February 1793.

Today, when hindsight is always perfect, it is easy to understand the concept of playing off one power against another, but difficult to see that an alliance with Spain would prove to be anything except a short-term advantage. Yet in the late 1780s and halfway through the '90s, it was not obvious to the Chickasaws (or anyone else) that the United States would prevail in economic and military competition with the Spain. So, in 1795 when Spain abruptly signaled its intent at the Treaty of San Lorenzo to withdraw, the Chickasaw leadership was caught by surprise. The announcement left Ugulaycabe without an ally and therefore robbed him of his power base.

Piomingo had been on the winning side, but he probably found Spain's announced with-

drawal bittersweet with no counterbalance to the Americans. The Treaty of San Lorenzo, in a sense, marked the "twilight of the full bloods," to use the phrase of historian Arrell Gibson in his book, *The Chickasaws*. The sons of trader James Colbert, William, George, Levi and James, were poised to work for and then with Piomingo, and lead the tribe through this period of transition. A transition to what, however, no one seemed to know.

Although James Colbert lived with the Chickasaw for virtually all of his adult life, he was a businessman, and by the 1760s was one of the most influential traders in Indian country. Moreover, his three Chickasaw wives provided his entrance to an active role in tribal government and provided him the opportunity to run a profitable trading business and farming operation on Chickasaw land. Chickasaw war chief Payamataha and other chiefs in 1765 acknowledged that Colbert had won their trust through his loyalty, by dispelling charges that the tribe resented his expanded landholdings.

Colbert said he owned 150 black slaves in 1782. That year, his eldest son, William, was about 32, Levi was 23, George was 18 while James, Jr. was just 14. Their father was their role model as a plantation owner, respected Chickasaw advisor and a British partisan and military leader. He provided his sons with advantages that would potentially enable them, in the Chickasaws' changing culture, to become tribal leaders as well as rich and powerful. They made good on both accounts.

After the father's death in 1784, George, in particular, proved adept at diplomacy, both inside the tribe and externally. Through the 1780s and 1790s, the brothers mainly allied themselves with Piomingo but did not seem to alienate the pro-Spanish faction led by Ugulaycabe. After the Spanish withdrew, Piomingo and William Colbert both made speeches giving their consent to the Americans to build a fort at Chickasaw Bluffs (present day Memphis). William also accompanied Piomingo to Philadelphia where they met with President Washington, who guaranteed the

Chickasaw an annual annuity of \$3,000 and, more importantly, all the land previously claimed by Piomingo, encompassing the modern states of western Kentucky, central and western Tennessee, northern Mississippi and northwestern Alabama.

As they were returning home on the old Natchez Trace, a large Creek force attacked the Chickasaw homeland settlement while most of the men were away on the autumn hunt. Levi Colbert rallied about 200 old men and boys to defend their homes successfully against the attack. When the leadership learned of his heroism, Levi was elevated to itawamba mingo (bench chief), entitling him to an honored place at the tribal council.

After the Spanish withdrew from the region in 1797, Piomingo, the first among equals, would deal with the Americans. Ugulaycabe lived for several more years, but his influence apparently had subsided. During Piomingo's last year of life, 1798, it is clear that he was opposed to any land cessions, but it is impossible to know if he thought that was a realistic goal. Though the Colbert brothers had been on his side, it is difficult to know if they really had his ear. Piomingo had been sorely disappointed with the lack of American support during the Creek war. And George Washington, the man who guaranteed Chickasaw boundaries, was no longer president. In a move made to garner greater American support for him, Ugulaycabe journeyed to Philadelphia in October 1798 to meet with President John Adams. Perhaps he knew that Piomingo, said to be very ill, could not live much longer. He may have been on his deathbed in Long Town at that time. At any rate, Piomingo did die on an unknown date, probably in late 1798 or early 1799, likely of an infectious disease. He was buried in the traditional way under his house in Long Town.

If Ugulaycabe was trying to be recognized as the principal chief by the Americans, he didn't succeed. American officials preferred to deal with George and William Colbert, though neither man spoke English well or knew how to read or write.

But, as the 19th century dawned, and President Thomas Jefferson began thinking about preparing the southeast for American settlement by removing Indian nations, American diplomats understood that with regard to the Chickasaw, the Colberts were the key.

After Piomingo's death, tribal decision-making remained the responsibility of the council of clans, as it had been probably since the Chickasaw became a tribe. We understand how this council worked in only the most superficial way because outsiders were not allowed to attend. But second-hand sources such as James Adair wrote that each clan chief could say whatever he pleased and everyone's vote was equal. (No female clan leaders are mentioned in documents from this time period.)

But the Colberts, and especially George, seemed to have won the trust of the council. We don't know much about the family during this transition period at the turn of the 19th century. In 1799, the Rev. Joseph Bullen, a missionary to the Chickasaw, received a warm reception from the Colberts, especially Levi and George. According to Bullen, they told him that they had "labored to further the pious and benevolent designs of the Society [Presbyterian]"; that they "and a number of others wish to learn good things: no get drunk, but work, make corn, cotton, cattle, hogs."

With no more warfare, the U.S. agent to the Chickasaw was recommending to the tribal leadership that they, in effect, leave their villages and resettle on farms. While many elected to stay put, given their allegiance to clan life, the Colberts did begin to resettle on trade routes, even as whites began encroaching on the more remote areas of Chickasaw land. Nevertheless, in the ensuing years, the Colberts developed productive farms and plantations. They were energetic and ambitious, like their father, and as tribal leaders, they seemed to be protecting and supporting both tribal interests and their own burgeoning economic interests.

This was apparent from the

See Piomingo, page 21

Chickasaw Nation celebrates annual Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week is an ideal way for people and communities to take a visible stand against drugs and to show their personal commitment to a drug-free lifestyle through the symbol of the red ribbon.

Red Ribbon Week was Oct. 23-31.

Red Ribbon Week was started when drug traffickers in Mexico City murdered federal Drug Enforcement Agency agent Kiki Camarena in 1985. This began the continuing tradition of wearing and displaying red ribbons as a symbol of intolerance towards the use of drugs.

On a local level, the tribal Healthy Lifestyles staff set up

information booths at clinics during Red Ribbon Week.

The National Family Partnership was created in 1980 by parents across America in response to the rising level of youth drug use. The mission of the National Family Partnership is "to lead and support our nation's families and communities to nurture the full potential of healthy, drug-free youth." The National Family Partnership works to accomplish its mission through parent training and networking and sponsoring the National Red Ribbon Campaign.

Contributed by Becky Chandler, tribal media relations.



Chickasaw Nation Health System administrator Bill Lance and Sandi Sanders, CNHS chief operating officer, place a red ribbon on the flag pole at Carl Albert to kick off Red Ribbon Week.



Chickasaw Nation Healthy Lifestyles staff members set up informational booths at clinics during Red Ribbon Week Oct. 23-31.

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1. C. The willow tree. According to McGee, the cutting was from a willow tree growing at Mount Vernon. He planted the cutting at George Colbert's home in present day Tupelo, MS. McGee's remembrances of his long tenure with the Chickasaw are available in the Tribal Library in Ada. Copies may be ordered for a nominal charge. Contact

2. B. Burris, a tribal auditor, treasurer and legislator, lost all four tribal districts to Johnston, who was making his initial run for governor. Persons living or visiting in the Ada area may examine hundreds of Mr. Burris's papers on one roll of microfilm at the Chickasaw Library. The papers cover the last two decades of the 19th century and first four decades of the 20th century. Among them are Burris's campaign leaflets and articles and correspondence with other Chickasaw leaders. The microfilm was donated to the Nation by Sue Burris Minter of Canyon Country, CA.

3. D. 12 percent. Conditions at the five emigrant camps were deplorable, in part, because the federal government's contractors supplied inadequate or rotten food; about 500 Chickasaw died from malnutrition and small pox.

4. C. According to Bienville, the governor of the French colony of Louisiana in 1723, the Choctaw destroyed "entirely three villages" of the Chickasaw and "brought in about four hundred scalps and taken one hundred prisoners." While Bienville's report to his superiors contains no elaboration, and is highly suspicious, preliminary archaeological evidence sup-

ports his claim that the villages were abandoned in the early 1720s. That, however, doesn't prove that Bienville's claims were true. His report might have been a gross exaggeration; Indians trading with colonists were known to divide a scalp into three or four parts. Disease or warnings from priests might have been factors as well in the Chickasaw departure.

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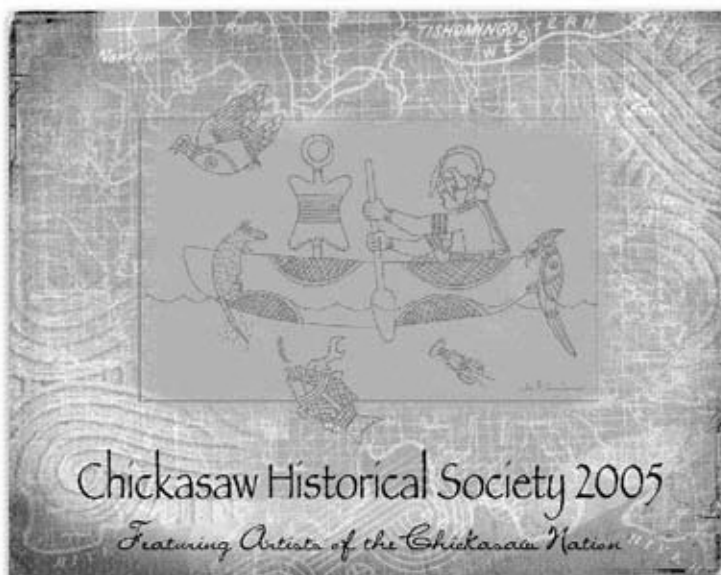
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Conservation funding now available through EQIP program

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), announces funding is now available under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) throughout the state of Oklahoma for fiscal year 2005. Oklahoma received approximately \$19.1 million for cost share assistance to apply conservation practices and management incentives. The thirteen counties of the Chickasaw Nation received a total allocation of over \$2.2 million, to fund new and previous year deferred applications for program participation," says Tribal Resource Conservationist, Clay Horton. "Of the total funding received, \$300,000 is targeted for treatment in four local emphasis areas of Bryan, Carter, Jefferson, and Stephens Counties. Funding is not divided equally by county and high priority resources being treated may differ by county or conservation district.

The high priority local issues and location of local emphasis areas were determined by obtaining input from local people in the locally led process. Local people are encouraged

to participate in locally led meetings to provide their personal input in the process. You may contact your local Conservation District or NRCS office to find out when the next locally led meeting in your area is scheduled.

"We are accepting applications for participation in the EQIP program on a continuous basis," adds Horton. "However, only applications received by specific cutoff dates will be ranked and considered during this initial selection period and these dates can vary by county." Evaluated applications will be grouped and selected for funding from a local list of high priority applications until the funding allocation is obligated. Even with the increase in funding, it is anticipated that not all of these applications will be funded at this time due to the high interest in applying conservation practices." Unfunded applications will be maintained for future funding consideration if the applicant chooses to remain on the waiting list. NRCS will continue to work with producers to implement their conservation plans. Successful applicants

with high priority resource concerns will be contacted to develop contracts to obligate the current funding allocation. Individual producers that feel they have high priority resource concerns and are interested in participation in EQIP may apply at any time at your local NRCS or local Conservation District office. Applications will be evaluated according to locally developed ranking as workload permits and reviewed for potential funding periodically when program funds become available.

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9410 or call 202-720-5964 (voice or TDD).

Native Diabetes Prevention Conference Jan. 18-20

Health Promotion Programs at the University of Oklahoma Outreach, for the past 19 years the national leader in facilitating Native wellness conferences, invites you to participate in the 11th annual Native Diabetes Prevention Conference Jan. 18 - 20, in Phoenix, Ariz. The conference theme is "Standing Together to Meet the Challenge of Diabetes." Workshops and general sessions will present a holistic and interdisciplinary view of working with diabetes across the generations and across the levels of prevention.

Diabetes and the many serious complications associated with this disease continue to be a major challenge to the health and wellness of indigenous peoples. This conference is designed as a knowledge and skills-based approach to meeting the many

challenges that surround this deadly disease.

The conference is co-sponsored by the Phoenix Indian Medical Center, Center for Diabetes Excellence, the Native American Community Health Center, and the Intertribal Council of Arizona. In addition, a special four-part institute on community mobilization capacity building (*Diabetes Today*) is being offered within the conference by the Association of American Indian Physicians.

Health Promotion Programs also will offer a Native Fitness Training for Special Populations immediately following the Native Diabetes Prevention Conference, Jan. 20-22. This specialized training will prepare participants to teach classes with fun and interactive physical movement for individuals with diabetes or other chronic conditions that limit movement. The training utilizes a learner-friendly approach that is interactive and movement-oriented. Barbie Johnson, a nationally recognized fitness trainer, will facilitate the training.

The Four Points Sheraton Hotel Phoenix Metrocenter will host the conference and the fitness training. A special group room rate of \$88 single/\$93 double (plus tax) is available. Rates include a complimentary, full breakfast buffet. Call (602) 997-5900 or (800) 325-3535 by Jan. 7th for hotel registration.

The diabetes conference early bird registration is \$235 USD when registering by Nov. 30. The regular registration fee is \$260 USD per person if registering by Jan. 10. The after-deadline and on-site registration fee is \$360 USD. Fitness training registration is \$225 USD, and limited to 50 participants. Registration for both conference and training: \$430 USD.

For more information, contact Health Promotion Programs at (405) 325-1790 or via e-mail at hpp@ou.edu. You may also visit our Web site at hpp.ou.edu.

Upward Bound enjoys spooky time in Bricktown



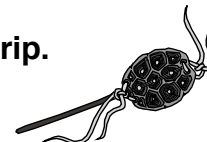
Upward Bound students at Spaghetti Warehouse.

The Upward Bound meeting on October 16, 2004 was a trip to Bricktown in Oklahoma City. Students filled up on pasta at Spaghetti Warehouse and got spooked at Bricktown's 20th annual Haunted Warehouse. Although screams could be heard among the 80 students and staff going through the three-story haunted warehouse, with scenes such as the Butcher Shop, Haunted Graveyard, Black Hole

and more, everyone was able to get out safely while clinging to each other. Once they were out, one student commented, "Never again!" Another said "I wasn't scared!" All had a frightfully good time. The Upward Bound program serves over 150 students in 23 school districts within the Chickasaw Nation. If you would like more information, please contact their office by calling (580) 371-9903.



Bricktown's Haunted Warehouse trip.



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first seemingly minor treaty with the U.S. in 1801. The Treaty of Chickasaw Bluffs granted the U.S. a transportation right-of-way through Chickasaw country on the path, the Natchez Trace, that ran from Natchez to Nashville. In exchange, the Chickasaw would receive \$700 in merchandise. The Chickasaw king, Chinubbee, told the commissioners that George Colbert was speaking for the tribe.

He had been elected principal chief by then and as such was given a concession by the Americans. The U.S. promised to build him a house near the intersection of the trace and the Tennessee River. Colbert would live there and make a good deal of money ferrying non-Indian travelers and American soldiers across the river in the years ahead. Apparently, Colbert did not charge Indians for the service.

The Chickasaw, however, refused the Americans' request to develop inns and other businesses along the trace. While the provision may have been motivated in part by the Colbert's desire to monopolize the commerce, two points need to be made. The right to operate inns was limited to Indians, and was not the exclusive right of the Colberts. Several other Chickasaws, including Kemps and Perrys, also ran inns on the trace, according to author Don Martini. Furthermore, by prohibiting Americans from conducting business along the trace, Americans were at least not encouraged to emigrate to Chickasaw country at a time when white intruders were beginning to encroach on isolated Chickasaw land. What none of the Colberts recognized in 1801, however, was that by granting such a right-of-way to the U.S., the American foot was in the door. In retrospect, the tribe was beginning to walk the path to removal.

No better evidence exists than the fact that less than four years later, U.S. commissioners were back at the negotiating table, this time seeking all Chickasaw land in Tennessee and Kentucky. In 1802, President Thomas Jefferson sent a secret message to Congress calling for the U.S. to buy selected Indian land south of the Ohio River. This included

Chickasaw land bordering on the new states of Kentucky and Tennessee.

When the subject was broached in early 1805, the Chickasaw leaders George Colbert and Chinnubbee told the U.S. agents to tell Pres. Jefferson that they had no land to sell. Subsequently, the U.S. agent to the Chickasaw, Samuel Mitchell, discovered or revealed that certain tribal members (not including the Colberts) owed more than \$20,000 to various trading companies. When he informed the tribe, the council deliberated and announced that by traditional Chickasaw law the tribe was bound to assume the debts. Thus, Jefferson's plan of getting tribes into debt in order to get their land was working in text-book fashion.

By the time that the U.S. commissioners met the assembled Chickasaw in their long-time settlement area called Big Town in March of 1805, Mitchell had persuaded the leadership that a land cession was their only option. They met at or near Ugulaycabe's house, but the old chief was not there. According to Malcolm McGee, Ugulaycabe died by his own hand sometime after 1799. While there is no consensus among historians on cause of death or year, they do agree that the chief had died prior to 1805. Likewise, William Colbert was absent. In his book, *Splendid Land, Splendid People*, James Atkinson speculates that William, first and foremost a warrior, was not interested in diplomacy and was temperamentally unsuited to it. Again, as in 1801, George Colbert, called the "smartest" of the Colberts by McGee, was the principal spokesman.

The commissioners were given a full set of negotiating instructions, which included direct payments, annuities and, if necessary, bribes. After two days of intense negotiation, the Chickasaw agreed to sell a large tract of land north of the Tennessee River (now central Tennessee) for \$20,000, which would be used to pay the debts.

Chickasaw family historian and Colbert descendant Kerry Armstrong believes that many in the tribe referred to the ceded tract as "problem surplus land" because both the Chickasaw

and Cherokee claimed this land. Even though the Americans recognized the Chickasaw claim as superior, the Chickasaw recognized that they couldn't defend it and that the Americans wouldn't defend it.

From that land cession, the Chickasaw reserved one square mile of land for the use of two chiefs, one of whom was Tishumustubbee, whom Atkinson, without citing evidence, says may have been Chief Tishomingo. George Colbert and Tishumustubbee were given \$1,000 for their services and Chinnubbee was granted \$100 a year for life. Aside from these three, six other Chickasaws signed the treaty, the most notable of whom for the purpose of this article was George's brother, Levi, who was developing into a composite of some of the best traits of his father, James, and his brothers, William and George.

Part III will be in the January 947-5020 issue.

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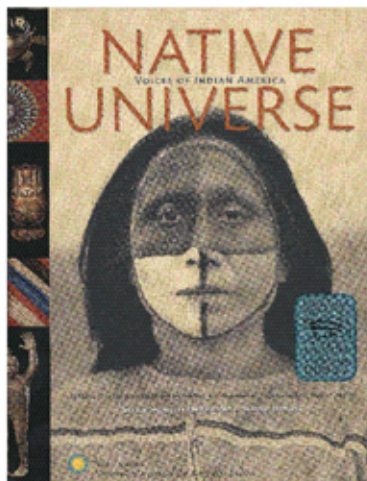
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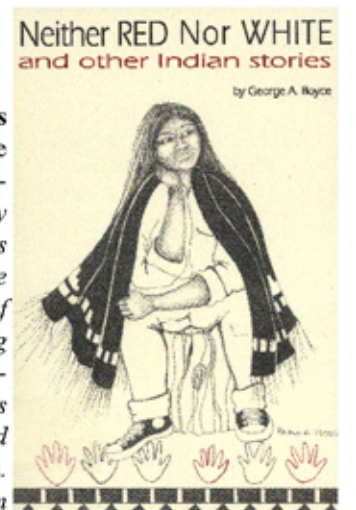
Reference Section

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by George A. Boyce

Back cover: Thirty years of teaching was the hallmark of the distinguished career of Dr. George A. Boyce, Ed. D. Educated at Trinity College, Cornell University, and Columbia University, he never lost his enthusiasm for working with young people. Starting out as a science and math teacher, he later turned his attention to the education of Native Americans. In the Navajo country he was known as Tall Dog Man and Olta Natani (Leader of the schools). In the Blackfoot language his name was translated as Father of Many Children. The stories in this book reflect the author's feelings and understanding of the world of the Native American.

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General Resolution Number 21-086, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society, Pauline Brown

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Ms. Pauline Brown to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society. Ms. Brown has served on the board for many years.

A motion was made by Mrs. McManus to approve GR21-086. The motion was seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR21-086 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 21-087, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society, Kennedy Brown

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Kennedy Brown to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society. Mr. Brown has served on the board for many years.

A motion was made by Mrs. McManus to approve GR21-087. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tim Colbert.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR21-087 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 21-088, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society, Glenda Galvan

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Ms. Glenda Galvan to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical

Society. This will be Ms. Galvan's fourth term on the board.

A motion was made by Mrs. McManus to approve GR21-088. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR21-088 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 21-089, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society, J. Wenonah Gunning

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Ms. J. Wenonah Gunning to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society. Ms. Gunning has served on the board for many years.

A motion was made by Mrs. McManus to approve GR21-089. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Green.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR21-089 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 21-090, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society, Jeannie Barbour

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Ms. Jeannie Barbour to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society. This will be Ms. Barbour's third three-year term.

A motion was made by Mrs. McManus to approve GR21-090. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR21-090 carried unanimously.

Mrs. McManus concluded her report.

(D) L A N D D E V E L O P M E N T COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Judy Goforth Parker

General Resolution Number 21-065, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Murray County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, containing 4.0 acres, more or less, in Sulphur, Murray County, Oklahoma. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR21-065. The motion was seconded by Mr. Woods.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR21-065 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 21-077, Oil and Gas Lease in Atoka County, (Tribal Tract No. 830)

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Chesapeake Exploration Limited Partnership, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. This company has submitted an acceptable bid of \$328.00 per acre for a total bonus of \$26,240.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive \$6,560.00. The property, belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations described as an undivided 1/2 mineral interest in Atoka County, Oklahoma, contains 60.00 acres, more or

less. The lease is for a primary term of three (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of \$240.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$60.00 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR21-077. The motion was seconded by Mr. Burris.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR21-077 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 21-078, Oil and Gas Lease in Pittsburg County (Tribal Tract-McAlester Watershed)

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Chesapeake Exploration Limited Partnership, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73154 0496, who has submitted an acceptable bid of \$178.00 per acre for a total bonus of \$14,385.96. The Chickasaw Nation shall receive \$3,596.49, on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations in Pittsburg County, Oklahoma, containing 80.82 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of \$242.46, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$60.62 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR21-078. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Green.

Mr. Tim Colbert requested information on production of the oil and gas leases.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR21-078 carried.

Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott recused herself from the vote.

General Resolution Number 21-079, Oil and Gas Lease

in Pittsburg County (Tribal Tract-McAlester Watershed)

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Jay Petroleum Inc., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73116, on property belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw nations in Pittsburg County, Oklahoma. The property contains 220 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years at \$211.00 per acre for a total bonus of \$46,420, of which Chickasaw Nation will receive \$11,605.00, at a \$3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of \$660.00. The Chickasaw Nation will receive \$165.00 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR21-079. The motion was seconded by Mrs. McManus

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR21-079 carried.

Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott recused herself from the vote.

General Resolution Number 21-080, Seismic Permit in Latimer County

This resolution approves a seismic permit across property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations in Latimer County, containing 110.00 acres, more or less. The permit is in favor of Veritas DGC Land Inc. of Poteau, Oklahoma. The permit is for an access fee of \$15.00 per acre for a total of \$1,650.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive 412.50, for a term of one (1) year from the date of approval.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR21-080. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

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The motion to approve GR21-080 carried unanimously.

(E) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Wanda Blackwood Scott

(F) HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Mary Jo Green

(G) HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Scott Colbert

(H) HISTORICAL CAPITOL AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Wanda Blackwood Scott

(I) ELECTION RULES AND PROCEDURES AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Steve Woods

(J) COURT DEVELOPMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Tim Colbert

AGENDA ITEM #7
NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

AGENDA ITEM #8
ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
ADDITIONAL REGULAR SESSION

David Stout Building
Ada, Oklahoma
September 2, 2004

AGENDA ITEM #1
CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 5:29 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2
ROLL CALL

Members present:
Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling (Late arrival; 5:30 p.m.) Mary Jo Green, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Linda Briggs

Members absent:
Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Steve Woods

Staff present:
Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

AGENDA ITEM #3
INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Mrs. Green

AGENDA ITEM #4

NEW BUSINESS

GR21-093 Rescission of GR21-091 and Approval of Consolidated Governmental Budget for Fiscal Year 2005

Mr. Cheadle explained the resolution passed in regular session was titled "Approval of Consolidated Tribal Budget - Fiscal Year 2005" which should have been titled "Approval of Consolidated Governmental Budget for Fiscal Year 2005."

A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert to approve GR21-093. The motion was seconded by Mr. Burris.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Linda Briggs

10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR21-093 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS
There were no comments from citizens.

AGENDA ITEM #6
ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Additional Regular Session adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Goforth Parker, Secretary Chickasaw Tribal Legislature
Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
David Stout Building
Ada, Oklahoma
September 17, 2004

AGENDA ITEM #1
CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2
ROLL CALL

Members present:
Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

Members absent:
Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott

Staff present:
Monette Richardson, Recording

Secretary Pro Tempore, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel, David Mitchell, Legislative Legal Assistant

Guests present:

Palmer S. Mosely, Anna Cole, Ron Frazier, Robert L. Cole, Marlene Tims, Harley Bran, Jessie Kemp, Tony Choat, Deanna Hartley Kelso, Debra Gee, Mike Watson, Wilma Watson, Ben Keel

AGENDA ITEM #3
INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Mary Jo Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #5: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Steve Woods

Permanent Resolution Number 21-025, Amendments to Title 2, Article I of the Chickasaw Nation Code of Laws (Chickasaw Utility Authority)

This resolution amends the section of the code dealing with the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority. When the authority was created in the late 1980s, there was no tribal code of laws. Since that time, the authority's own bylaws have been codified, which is improper. This resolution clarifies some of the language of the sections which should be codified and removes the language of some sections which should be included in the authority's bylaws and not in the statutes.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve PR21-025. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Green.

A correction was noted on the date on the resolution and the motion was restated as amended.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

The motion to approve PR21-025, as amended, carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number

21-094, Concurrence with the Implementation of the FY 2004 Tribal Juvenile Accountability Discretionary Grant Program and the Establishment of a Juvenile Justice Tribal Advisory Board to Address Juvenile Crime and Delinquency

This resolution supports the establishment and mission of the Juvenile Justice Tribal Advisory Board and concurs with the implementation of the FY 2004 Tribal Juvenile Accountability and Discretionary Grant Program awarded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. The Chickasaw Nation will create a Juvenile Justice Tribal Advisory Board that will meet on a regular basis for the purpose of developing a coordinated enforcement plan for reducing juvenile crime.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods to approve GR21-094. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scott Colbert.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR21-094 carried unanimously.

Mr. Woods concluded his report.
(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Scott Colbert

No report.

(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Dean McManus

No report.

(D) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Judy Goforth Parker

General Resolution Number 21-092, Oil and Gas Lease in Coal County (Tribal Tract - S.T. 17)

This resolution approves an oil and gas lease in favor of Chesapeake Exploration Limited Partnership. The lease is for \$357.00 per acre, for a total bonus of \$42,840.00, of

which the Chickasaw Nation shall received \$42,840.00, on property belonging to the Chickasaw Nation. The lease is located in Coal County, Oklahoma, containing 120.00 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years. Annual rental fee is \$3.00 per acre, for a total of \$360.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$360.00 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR21-092. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Green.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR21-092 carried unanimously.

Dr. Goforth Parker concluded her report.

(E) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

(F) HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Mary Jo Green

Mrs. Green reported the committee is continuing to work with Mr. Bill Lance, Hospital Administrator, on health matters.

(G) HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Scott Colbert

No report.

(H) HISTORICAL CAPITOL AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

(I) COURT DEVELOPMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Tim Colbert

Permanent Resolution Number 21-026, Amendments to Title 2, Chapter 8 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Chickasaw Nation Code Sales and Distribution)

This resolution amends Title 2, Chapter 8 pertaining to the

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maintenance, updating and distributing the Chickasaw Nation Code.

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Colbert to approve PR21-026. The motion was seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

The motion to approve PR21-026 carried unanimously.

Mr. Tim Colbert concluded his report.

**AGENDA ITEM #6
NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)**

Comments were made by Mr. Mike Watson regarding PR21-025.

AGENDA ITEM #7

ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Goforth Parker,
Secretary

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature
Prepared by:

Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

**CHICKASAW TRIBAL
LEGISLATURE**

REGULAR SESSION

David Stout Building

Ada, Oklahoma

October 15, 2004

**AGENDA ITEM #1
CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chairperson Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2

ROLL CALL

Members present:

Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

Member absent:

Mary Jo Green

Staff present:

Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present:

Charley Russell, James A.

Humes, Sue Simmons, Juanita Tate, Melvin Stoner, Kathleen Stoner, Anna Cole, Robert Cole, Justin Presley, Trail G. Glory, Tony Choate, Mooniene Ogee, Wilma Watson, Mike Watson, Jay Keel

AGENDA ITEM #3

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Dr. Goforth Parker.

AGENDA ITEM #4

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairperson Briggs announced the floor was open for nominations for Chairperson.

Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott nominated Linda Briggs for Chairperson. The nomination was seconded by Mrs. McManus.

Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott made a motion for Linda Briggs to be declared Chairperson by acclamation. All members were in favor of the motion.

Chairperson Briggs announced that the floor was open for nominations for Secretary.

Ms. Easterling nominated Dr. Judy Goforth Parker. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Burris. All members were in favor of the nomination.

Chairperson Briggs nominated Doretta Sellers as Recording Secretary. Mr. Tim Colbert seconded the nomination. All members were in favor of the nomination.

Chairperson Briggs nominated Harold Stick as Sergeant-At-Arms. Mr. Tim Colbert seconded the nomination. All members were in favor of the nomination.

AGENDA ITEM #4

READING OF MINUTES

- September 17, 2004

September 2, 2004

August 20, 2004

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to table the minutes of September 17, 2004, September 2, 2004, and August 20, 2004. Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott seconded the motion.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to table the Sep-

tember 17, 2004, September 2, 2004, and August 20, 2004 minutes carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: U N - FINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: R E - PORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) L E G I S L A T I V E COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Steve Woods

No report.

(B) F I N A N C E COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 22-001, Approval of Revised Development Budget for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Chickasaw Agency Project

This resolution approves the revision to the Development Budget in the additional amount of \$1,315,700.00.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR22-001. The motion was seconded by Ms. Easterling.

Mr. Seawright noted in the third whereas, the word "Department" should be "Development."

Dr. Goforth Parker amended her motion to reflect the amendment.

Mr. Traile Glory, BIA Chickasaw Agency, answered questions of the Legislators regarding the property.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR22-001, as amended, carried unanimously.

Mr. Seawright requested an update on the meeting pertaining to PR21-024, Amendments to Title 3, Chapter 2, Section 3-3303 B. of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Use of Gaming Revenue) and Per Capita Payment to Registered Voters. Chairperson Briggs stated a study group comprised of five Legislators and five people from the Administrative Branch of our government had met but no report had yet been issued.

Mr. Scott Colbert concluded his report.

(C) H U M A N RESOURCES COMMITTEE

REPORT by Chairman Dean McManus

No report.

(D) L A N D DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Judy Goforth Parker

General Resolution Number 22-002, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, containing 49.95 acres, more or less, in Pontotoc County, Oklahoma. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, is such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Mr. Burris to approve GR22-002. The motion was seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker.

Mr. Seawright stated he could not support this resolution because the asking price or an appraisal amount was not provided.

Mrs. Hartman voiced her agreement with Mr. Seawright. A discussion was held on the issue concerning a violation of ethics in the past by confidential information being disclosed from committee which negated those negotiations. It is the desire of all parties that a solution be sought so that Legislators have an idea of how much money could be spent on each purchase.

A roll call vote was taken.

Members voting yes:

Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

9 yes votes

Members voting no:

Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman, Wilson Seawright

3 no votes

The motion to approve GR22-002 carried.

Dr. Goforth Parker concluded her report.

(E) E D U C A T I O N COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

(F) HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Mary Jo Green

No report.

(G) HISTORICAL AND

CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Scott Colbert

Mr. Scott Colbert reported the ground breaking ceremony for the Cultural Center was held this past month. He did not have a progress report or a time line for this project, however, he would furnish this information to the Legislature as soon as he received it. The actual ground breaking for the facility is scheduled to begin January 2005. Mr. Scott Colbert concluded his report.

(H) C O U R T DEVELOPMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Tim Colbert

No report.

**AGENDA ITEM #7
NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)**

Mr. Seawright stated that the resolution on per capita payment, presented to the Legislative Committee in July, was brought up to be placed on the agenda, but was voted down in committee. He noted tribal law stated proposed legislation cannot remain in a committee longer than the third regular session of the Legislature following its assignment to a committee.

Dr. Goforth Parker recalled another resolution in the past which was in a committee and the committee voted not to approve the resolution but recommended that a group be assigned to study the issue at hand. She also recalled other resolutions that had been voted down in committee and stated that such has been the accepted procedure of the Legislature.

The Legislative Council was consulted and he agreed this has been the policy in the past.

Comments From Citizens

Mr. James Humes voiced his concerns of citizens not being informed of issues that come before the Legislature. Also addressing the Legislature were Mr. Mike Watson and Ms. Kathleen Stoner.

AGENDA ITEM #8

ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Judy Goforth Parker, Secretary
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature
Prepared by: Doretta Sellers,

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facility funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, for the establishment of a Community Center Phase I to be located in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma. Further, it provides assurances required by the funding agency.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented by: D. Scott Colbert, Chairman Finance Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Permanent Resolution Number 22-001

Amendments to Title 5, Chapter 2, Article L, Section 5-212.15 of the Chickasaw Nation Code

(Fees and Mileage for Jurors)

Explanation: Section 5-212.15 of the Chickasaw Nation Code establishes the amount of fees and mileage paid to jurors in civil cases in the Chickasaw Nation courts. This resolution amends the section to include jurors in criminal cases to be paid a like amount.

Requested by: Tim Colbert, Chairman Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

Presented by: Tim Colbert, Chairman Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Permanent Resolution Number 22-002

Amendment to Title 5, Chapter 1, Article A, Section 5-101.5 of the Chickasaw Nation Code

(Court Administrative Provisions)

Explanation: The Chickasaw Tribal Legislature has previously enacted an oath of allegiance for members of the Chickasaw Bar Association in conjunction with the Supreme Court. This resolution changes the format of the section of the Chickasaw Nation Code that provides such oath but does not make any amendments to the language.

Requested by: Tim Colbert, Chairman Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

Presented by: Tim Colbert, Chairman Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott,

Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Permanent Resolution Number 22-003

Amendments to Title 2, Chapter 5 Article G of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Right to Work Act)

Explanation: Employees of the Chickasaw Nation should be guaranteed the right to work without the requirement that they pay dues or have membership in any society, union or other entity. This act makes any contract requiring membership or payment of dues to be null and void and creates a civil fine mechanism and judicial application available to address violations of the Act.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Tim Colbert, Chairman Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Permanent Resolution Number 22-004

Amendments to Title 5, Chapter 2, Article N of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Contempts of Court)

Explanation: This resolution amends Title 5 of the Chickasaw Nation Code so that the courts of the Chickasaw Nation may hold persons in contempt of court in certain situations.

Requested by: Tim Colbert, Chairman Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

Presented by: Tim Colbert, Chairman Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

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VA Loans

If you are a Native American Veteran and have never used your VA eligibility to purchase a home, you may do so through the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing. VA Loans offer the veteran 100% financing.



Indian Probate Reform Act designed to restore economic strength

WASHINGTON, D.C. - President George W. Bush has signed into law a measure promoted by U.S. Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell (R-Colo.) and supported by Interior Secretary Gale Norton that will reform American Indian probate rules and will help facilitate the consolidation of Indian land ownership across the nation. The legislation introduced by Sen. Campbell, chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, was passed by both the House of Representatives and the United States Senate under ‘unanimous consent’ rules - meaning no member of Congress expressed opposition to the measure.

The American Indian Probate Reform Act of 2004 (S. 1721) provides valuable tools to the Department of the Interior, Tribal governments, and individual Indians to facilitate the consolidation of Indian land ownership in order to restore economic viability to Indian assets.

“The swift consideration and

enactment of this important legislation reflects this administration’s commitment to Indian Trust issues,” Secretary Norton said. “This measure is one of the pieces necessary for true Trust reform.”

“This legislation provides us with tools to help improve probate and to help tackle the complicated issue of fractionation,” Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs David Anderson said. “The federal government and Indian leaders have a mutual interest in promoting economic viability on lands that are rapidly becoming converted into an unmanageable mosaic of tiny interests due to fractionated ownership. This is one more step in the right direction.”

Ross Swimmer, the Special Trustee for American Indians, echoed the importance of the legislation.

“The ownership of many disparate, uneconomic, small interests has limited benefit in Indian country” Swimmer said. It has been feeding an administrative burden that continues to drain resources and attention away from other beneficial Indian programs. This new law is a meaningful step in our effort to improve the quality of Trust management services throughout Indian country.”

The legislation provides a clearer method to pass individual Indian land ownership from one generation to the next - creating a uniform federal Indian probate

code instead of the multiple individual state laws that now govern Indian probate activity. This new law establishes a definition of highly fractionated lands, allows small interests in land to pass exclusively to single heirs when there is no will involved, and allows greater flexibility for individuals and Tribes to consolidate and acquire interests during the probate process. The measure makes the Department of the Interior’s Land Acquisition Pilot Program permanent and allows a Tribe or a co-owner to request a sale of a highly fractionated parcel of land for the purposes of making that parcel whole under one individual owner.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE CHICKASAW NATION

The Chickasaw Nation
In the Interest of:
J.S., DOB: 08/15/97
Dependent/Neglected Child
And Concerning:
Curtis L. Cole, Father

Case No. JFJ-99-C06

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

THE CHICKASAW NATION TO:
Curtis L. Cole, DOB: 08/19/67
Last Known Address: 1717 Wickliff,
Oklahoma City, 73111
and 1813 E. Madison, Oklahoma City,
OK 73111

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Second Amended Juvenile Petition has been filed in the Court alleging that the above-named minor child is a Dependent Child and that, as the parent of said Child, you have been named as the Respondent, all as more fully set out in the Second Amended Juvenile Petition.

YOU ARE THEREFORE ORDERED TO APPEAR FOR AN ADJUDICATION AND DISPOSITION HEARING at the courtroom of the Chickasaw Nation District Court, 1500 N. Country Club Road, Ada, Oklahoma on the 15th day of December, 2004 at the hour of 9:00 o’clock A.M. and to there remain subject to the call of the Court until discharged so that you may be advised of the allegations contained in the Second Amended Juvenile Petition and may answer that you admit or deny the allegations of the Second Amended Juvenile Petition.

You may seek the advice of an attorney on any matter relating to this action at your own expense, or, upon application to the Court, you may be eligible for a court-appointed attorney.

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/s/Aaron Duck
THE HONORABLE AARON DUCK
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

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Group seeks Native candidates for leadership recognition

Leadership for a Changing World is seeking nominations for its awards recognizing outstanding community service and effective leadership on important social justice issues like human rights, environmental protection, economic development, cultural preservation, education and more.

A partnership of the Ford Foundation, the Advocacy Institute, and New York University's Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, Leadership for a Changing World is entering its fifth year of recognizing leadership. In 2005, 17 community leaders will receive an

award in the amount of \$100,000 plus \$15,000 for learning opportunities.

"There are so many Native people quietly working every day to make our communities better," says Native Outreach Coordinator Gail Chehak, a Klamath Tribal member. "Leadership for a changing World is making a special effort to reach out to Indian Country and identify these leaders. This award is a wonderful way to not only recognize their work, but to inspire others and give them financial support that will help them continue to do their good works."

Past Native American recipi-

ents include:

- **Donald Sampson**, executive director of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission in the Northwest, works to preserve salmon runs and protect tribal treaty fishing rights. He links this work to economic development for Native and non-Native people and helped start the Salmon Corps program, which teaches salmon restoration to youth from nine tribes.

- **Sarah James** had become an international spokesperson for preserving the environment of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and, as a result, protecting the subsistence culture of

the Gwich'in Athabascan (or "Caribou people"). She has led the opposition to oil drilling in one of the world's last pristine environments.

- **Terrol Dew Johnson** and **Tristan Reader**, co-directors of the Tohono O'odham Community Action, are pioneering dietary work that may have implications far beyond the Tohono O'odham Nation in Arizona. They lead a multidisciplinary task force that brings together tribal programs, federal programs and community members to develop local approaches to the prevention and treatment of diabetes, including returning the O'odham to a more traditional diet.

Nomination must be completed and received by the Advocacy Institute by 5 p.m. (EST) on January 7, 2005. Nominations will only be accepted by mail (including FedEx, UPS, etc.).

Email and fax submissions will not be accepted. Incomplete or late nominations will not be considered.

The selection involves a seven-month, multi-tiered process with social justice leaders serving as reviewers. The process involves site visits, reference checks and reviews by a Regional Selection Committee, the Advocacy Institute, the Ford Foundation and a National Selection Committee. In the summer of 2005, seventeen (17) awardees will be selected. The awardees will meet for the first time in New York in October 2005.

For more information, visit the Leadership for a Changing World website www.leadershipforchange.org and download a nomination brochure and application or call (202) 777-7560.

Chickasaw Honor Guard



The Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard took part in Veterans Day activities at the Ada senior nutrition site.



Honor Guard members taking part in Veteran's Day activities at the Ada senior nutrition site stand near displayed memorabilia.

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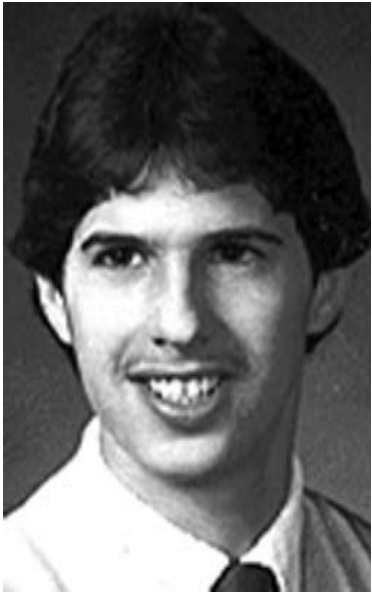


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Kenneth Dewayne Gray



Kenneth Dewayne Gray, 38, of Moore, Okla., passed away November 8, 2004. He was born December 13, 1965 in Oklahoma City to TyRone and Esther Gray. Kenneth enjoyed fishing, cooking out, playing basketball, collecting baseball cards, watching OU and Dallas Cowboys football. He is survived by his wife, Lisa Gray of Oklahoma City; a son, Kenneth Dewayne Gray; two daughters, Heather Dawn Gray and Misty Gray, all of Moore; his parents, TyRone and Esther Gray, Oklahoma City; three brothers; Tony Gray, Marlon Gray and TyRone Zane Gray, of Oklahoma City; and a host of other relatives and friends. Services were Monday, November 15, 2004 at the Bill Eisenhower Southeast Chapel with interment in Resthaven Memory Gardens.

Cammellia Rico

Services for Cammellia Rico, 48, Ada, Okla., were Nov. 12, 2004 at Smith-Phillips Chapel, Ada, with the Rev. Earl Hood officiating. Interment was in Swanhill Cemetery, Ada.

Mrs. Rico died Nov. 8, 2004 at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn. She was born March 22, 1956 in Lubbock, Texas to Burl Webb and Drusilla Nelson Webb. She married Juan Rico, Sr., October 31, 1974. She worked at the United States Post Office in Ada for approximately 10 years as a rural mail carrier. She served in Dessert Storm while in the U.S. Army.

Mrs. Rico is survived by her husband, Juan Rico, Sr., of the home; two sons, Juan and daughter-in-law Lori Rico, Jr., Ada, and Carlos Rico of the home; two daughters, Jessica Rico of the home and Christina Rico, Ada; her parents, Burl and Drusilla Webb, Ada; a brother, Burl Webb, Jr., Ardmore, Okla.; a sister, Pamela Tyree, Claremore, Okla.; and one grandson, Ryan Rico, Ada.

Pallbearers were Roger Pinson, Don Butler, Steve Hensley, Chebon Buck, Tom Cooper, Charlie Berryman and Bud Ross.

The Chickasaw Honor Guard performed military honors.

Vera Lou Pinley Rush

Vera Lou Pinley Rush, 41, died Saturday, November 6, 2004, at her home in Atlantic Beach, Florida.

Born in Hollister, California on September 15, 1963, she grew up in Turpin, Okla., and lived most of her life in the Liberal, Kansas area. She moved to Jacksonville, Florida in 1994 and was a member of the Calvary Fellowship Christian Church.

She is survived by her husband Robert Rush, Atlantic Beach; four sons, Frankie Shanks, Tyler Pinley, Travis Rush and Zackary Rush, all of Atlantic Beach; five daughters, Alisha Weatherby Davis, Liberal, Holly Green, Noble, Okla., Chantel Luebbers, Brianna Rush and Laci Rush all of Atlantic Beach; one step son, Randy Rush, Atlantic Beach; one grandchild, Destiny Weatherby, Liberal; her father, Ted J. McDade, Sr., Byars, Okla.; four brothers, Gary McDade, Oklahoma City, Joey Pinley, Ada, Okla., James McDade, Newcastle, Okla., Teddy Joe McDade, Jr., Norman, Okla.; two sisters, Lynn Burton, Westland, Mich., Terri Moore, Jonesboro, Ark.; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother, Jimmy Lou McDade.

Vera was a dedicated wife and mother and will be greatly missed by all that knew and loved her.

Funeral Services were November 11 at the Chapel of Arlington Park Funeral Home followed by burial in Arlington Park Cemetery in the Garden of

Blessing, Jacksonville, Florida. Pallbearers included James McDade, Teddy McDade, Frankie Shanks, and Troy Halter.

Stanton "Alan" Andrews

Services for Stanton "Alan" Andrews, 35, Amarillo, Texas, formerly of Ada, Okla., were Oct. 27, 2004 at Rockwell Road Baptist Church with Dr. Paul Richardson and the Rev. Rick Harrison officiating. Burial followed in Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Mr. Andrews died Oct. 23, 2004.

He was born Sept. 6, 1969 at Oklahoma City.

He lived in Ada until his senior year of high school when he moved to Asher, Okla. He graduated from Asher (OK) High School in 1988. He worked as a truck driver for Lake Steel for four years.

He married Toni Small at Amarillo July 31, 1992.

He was preceded in death by his great-grandmother, Lucy Perry Nelson.

He is survived by his wife, Toni Andrews of the home; a daughter, Courtnie Andrews, of the home; two sons, Tanner and J'Dyn Andrews, of the home; his parents, Stan and Vickie Andrews, Pampa, Texas; one sister, Tamara Scaccia, Caledonia, Ill; grandparents, Henry and Irene Allen and Lee Andrews, all of Ada; Aunts and uncles, Mary and Chester Delozier, Ada, Alvin and Debbie Allen, Stonewall, Perry and Vickie Allen, Lakeland, Fla., William and Cheryl Allen, Austin, Texas, Roy and Cindy Allen, Loma Linda, Calif., Norlene and Glen Groves, Ada, Patty McCraw, Ada, Linda and Dan Krumholz, Ada, and Eddie and Linda Andrews, Pampa, Texas; and two nephews, Tyler Drew Wishon and Derek Alan Wishon.

Pallbearers were, Derek Wishon, Drew Wishon, Freddie Long, Troy Navarrette, Randy Lunsford and Kevin Richardson.

Those wishing to make memorials can do so to the Rockwell Road Baptist Church

Children's Bus Ministry Fund, P.O. Box 31495, Amarillo, Texas 79120-1495.

Cecil Everidge James

Cecil Everidge James, 87, of Colbert, Okla., formerly of Talihina, Okla., died Nov. 27, 2004 at Denison, Texas.

He was born January 19, 1917 in Sardis, Okla., to Moses and Emma Anderson James.

He was very proud of his American Indian heritage and being a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

He married Ruth James Dec. 21, 1947 at Stigler, Okla.

He graduated from high school at Chilocco Indian Agricultural School and later received a bachelor's degree from Southeastern Oklahoma State College. He taught and coached at Sardis and Tuskahoma (OK) schools and later worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Department of Education for 28 years where he served in many capacities until his retirement in 1983. He was a member of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations and was very active in tribal functions. He was one of the founding members of the Choctaw Nation Historical Society and the Talihina Indian Club. He was of the Baptist faith and he enjoyed doing work for his church. He was also a member of the Texas Southwest Cattleman Association.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Neoma

Rainwater; and two brothers, Eugene and Woodrow James.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth, of the home; two daughters and sons-in-laws, Gwen and William Takes Horse, of Colbert, and Sharon R James-Schmidt, M.D. and Joe Schmidt, of Welling, Okla.; a son, Mark Stephen James, M.D., of Oklahoma City; his grandchildren, Adam and Tana Takes Horse and Jacob, Aaron and Kara Schmidt; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Wynona and Joe Gibbs, of Sherman, Texas, and Ramona and Henry Hartgers, of San Jose, Calif; and numerous nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

Pallbearers were William Takes Horse, Joe Schmidt, Adam Takes Horse, Aaron Grey, Joseph Stevenson and Mike Gibbs.

Services were Nov. 30, 2004 at the Talihina First Baptist Church with the Rev. Kip and Ollie Heth officiating. Interment followed in the Sardis Cemetery.

Gwyn Moore

Services for Gwyn Moore were July 2, 2004 at the First Baptist Church, Tishomingo, Okla., with the Rev. Steve Gniech officiating. Interment took place at Tishomingo Cemetery, Tishomingo.

She died June 29, 2004. She was born Nov. 22, 1913 at Connerville, Okla.

She was the wife of the late Euel "Monk" Moore.

In Memory Of Virgil J. Greenwood

Nov. 16, 1923 - Dec. 5, 1991

The Greenwoods

He was as an Oak Tree
Tall and Strong you see.

He was like the Tree Trunk,
with limbs that numbered nine
His roots were standing Steadfast
with the ending of time.
The leaves that number fifteen
shall carry on the team.

Listen! he would say "Stand
Tall and Be Steadfast," If he
could.

This is the image he left for all
the Greenwoods
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Virgil J. Greenwood